

And now: Hellas v. Heidelberg



• Alan Evans

Having beaten Marconi 4-3 in the most thrilling match of the season, South Melbourne Hellas will advance to the PSL grand final if it beats arch-rival Heidelberg at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Trailing 0-3 at half time against Marconi, Hellas looked down and out. Hellas president Sam Pappasavos conceded defeat to Marconi boss Tony Labbozzetta. An air of gloom hung over the stadium, and the more emotional fans were holding back their tears, waiting for the camouflaging rain. Even coach John Margaritis didn't seriously believe that escape was possible.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

But miracles do happen. They happen in sport.

The Hellas players kept their heads while those around them yielded to despair.

Captain Alan Evans led by example, out-fighting, out-thinking and outplaying Tony Henderson, Jim Cant and Ivo Prskalo as indeed, he had done in the first half. The difference was that he started scoring as well.

The first one came just at the right time — four minutes into the half, a strategic goal which stiffened the backbone of every Hellas player.

Then three more in the space of seven minutes — a thundering 30-yarder from

Arthur Xanthopoulos, a jackhammer header by Branko Buljevic and with eight minutes to go, the winner — whipped home first-time by Evans after a corner from Duncan Cummings.

Buljevic, not renowned as a physical player, was kicking, shoving, barging past opponents during this extraordinary fight-back. It was aggression and determination, shown by every one of the Hellas men that enabled them to climb this mountain.

And they didn't do it alone, for they had every one of the 4500 spectators whipping them along, cheering them on. "Hel — las, Hel — las, Hel — las!"

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Evans 49th. and 82nd., Xanthopoulos 75th., Buljevic 80th.) MARCONI 3 (Sharne 10th., Byrne penalty 19th., Krncevic 41st.), Philips League elimination final at Middle Park, Sunday, crowd about 4500.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 9, Lutton 8, Davidson 8 — Rogers 7, Cummings 7, Campbell 6 — Kakantonis 6, (Wright 8, half time), Evans 10, Buljevic 8.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Brogan 7, Prskalo 6, Henderson 6, Cant 6 — Raskopoulos 6, Byrne 9, Mariani 8 (Lindsay 77th) — Sharne 8, Jankovics 6, Krncevic 8.

Cautions: Raskopoulos (Marc).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

Youth Cup hopes get boost

The national youth team may live, train and study together at the Australian Sports Institute in Canberra all of next year, leading up to the world youth championships in October.

And they may play as a team in the eastern zone of the national youth league to be formed regionally next season.

All members of the national squad have been offered soccer scholarships at the Institute. The Australian Soccer Federation and the Government will pay the \$4000 cost for each member.

"Living together and practicing soccer at least four hours a day at the Institute would be perfect preparation for the world championships," ASF youth development officer Brian Emery said this week.

He said he would talk it over with the squad in its four-day training camp in Canberra later this month.

The squad will take part in the Victoria Cup competition against South Melbourne Hellas, Footscray JUST, Preston-Makedonia, Croatia, Ajax, Hakoah and Juventus in Melbourne from 22 October to 16 November.

At the Sports Institute, the players will combine their course of soccer practice, theory and coaching, with whatever academic courses they choose.

These can be undertaken at the nearby Australian National University, the Department of Advanced Education or TAFE (Technical and Further Education). Those still at high school can do their Higher School Certificate.

Players no longer at school can enrol just for the soccer course and the ASF will help get them jobs in Canberra.

Either 16 or 18 places will be available in the soccer course next year. If they cannot be filled from within the youth squad, the balance will be filled from among other applicants.

Brian Emery said if enough members of the youth squad enrol, they will be entered as a team in the eastern division of the national youth league which also will comprise the five Sydney-based PSL clubs, Newcastle KB United, Canberra City and Wollongong City.

The NSW Federation executive has recommended to its annual general meeting that the proposal of the new youth league be accepted.

It would mean the PSL clubs would field youth teams instead of Federation teams and it would involve re-organisation of the Federation competitions.

Existing youth leagues in Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide and elsewhere would be expanded and would become part of the national youth league concept, with play-offs at the end of the year between State youth champions.

Meanwhile, the Sports Institute is yet to appoint its soccer director, who would coach the boys taking the course.

National coaching director Eric Worthington and ASF president Sir Arthur George will recommend the applicant they consider most suitable to the Department of Home Affairs which will make the appointment.

Former national coach Jim Shoulder is said to be among those being considered.

Former national captain Johnny Warren also has applied.



While he wasn't busy scoring 30-metre goals, Arthur Xanthopoulos tended to his defensive duties in Hellas's 4-3 victory over Marconi. He heads clear in front of Bertie Mariani.

SLAVIA TO KEEP ITS IDENTITY

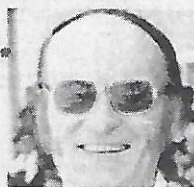
Slavia is not for sale.

Club secretary Vince French has made it clear that Slavia will retain its identity and play in the Victorian First Division next season, after being relegated from the State League.

French (pictured) dispelled speculation that the club would sell out or amalgamate.

"We will be back in the State League in 1982," he said.

"We were relegated once before, but we bounced back quickly and we will again."



MAKEDONIA FOR PSL

Fourteen or 16 clubs..... Makedonia, Olympic or Melita.....St. George in or out?

These questions are expected finally to be answered this week when the Australian Soccer Federation makes its decision on PSL promotion and relegation.

The PSL Council of Clubs voted unanimously about two months ago that the league should be increased to 16 providing it costs the present clubs no extra money.

The addition of two clubs would increase the league's air travel bill by \$40,000 but apparently Wollongong City and Preston Makedonia are willing to chip in \$20,000 each for the first year while the PSL shops around for extra sponsorship.

Wollongong already has been accepted to the 1981 PSL competition.

A new Tasmanian club, which was to have been called the Tassie Tigers, was the front-runner for the other vacancy in a 16-club league, but the Tasmanians withdrew their application last week.

A \$300,000 sponsorship deal with a hotel chain fell through when Tasmania's leading coach Ken Morton quit Rapid West Point to join Wollongong City.

Apparently the prospective sponsor had taken it for granted that Morton would be the coach of the Tigers.

With Tasmania out of the way, Victorian State League champion Preston Makedonia surely must be admitted if the league is increased in size.

This would simply restore the status quo, as the league started with four Victorian representatives which were cut back to three when Mooroolbark dropped out after the 1977 season.

The addition of Makedonia would assist the other Melbourne clubs as they would each have another crowd-pulling home match.

But there may be pressure from the State League to retain Makedonia for exactly the same reason.

Last-placed St. George and second-last West Adelaide have been relegated from the PSL and have applied for re-admission.

West Adelaide is certain to be re-admitted, but St. George may find it difficult as NSW State League champion Melita Eagles and runner-up Sydney Olympic

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REPORT from COCA-COLA BOTTLERS

Croatia tops but PSL my ambition

I suppose if Eddie Krncevic hadn't broken his leg Essendon Croatia would never have bought me from Slavia.

When Frank Burin signed me for Croatia it ended a period of decline for me as a player.

I started playing competitively in the South East County Division Two League in England when I was 15.

I had trials with Spurs and Ipswich before Ron Atkinson, now manager of West Brom, signed me as a pro for Fourth Division Cambridge United.

I scored 15 goals in 22 games for Cambridge reserves and I had three league games.

I played for the reserves mid-week and for my home town club, Saffron Walden, on the weekend.

A bloke called John Butler was at Cambridge and he had gone to Australia and played for Slavia about 10 years or so earlier.

He got me a free from Cambridge and suggested I try my luck in Australia.

To tell you the truth, I hadn't given any thought to playing over here but I thought: why not give it a go, so over I came and signed with Slavia.

I didn't know about any other club and looking back I

suppose I should thank Slavia for bringing me over here but like many other players who have been at Slavia, I wasn't as well looked after as I had been told I would be.

I had a year there, then I wanted to leave because there were lots of hassles over money.

I had arrived here as a fairly decent player but after six months at Slavia I had gone downhill.

Half way through my first season the trouble about our bonus started.

Although there was no written agreement the club had told us that we would get a \$10 bonus as part of a bonus system operating should we get into the top four.

Half way through the season we were in second spot and we thought we deserved the money so we had a players' meeting and nine out of 12 players voted not to play.

Tommy Randless was coach at the time I wanted to go and he was interested only in those who wanted to stay so I played

On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



CARL GILDER

in the reserves until Croatia signed me.

Actually I had talks with Rate Rasic at Adelaide City but they broke down when I decided to go home to get married.

You see, Rasic wanted me to stay here so that I could start training early.

Then Alan Vest at Newcastle KB United showed interest in me but Slavia slapped a \$10,000 price tag around my neck, which ended the Newcastle move.

I was glad to get away to Croatia and I haven't looked back because the club really has looked after me well and it is far more professional than most clubs.

John Gardiner is a fine coach and there is little between him and Len McKendry. John has picked up some of Len's ideas but has used many of his own.

But Victorian soccer owes a great deal to Len and his State side is one of the best sides I have played in, and that includes sides I played for in England.

With more coaches like Len in Australia the standard would rise dramatically.

I have been able to build up again as a player at Croatia and I am enjoying my soccer much more in Australia.

I was a bit green and raw-boned when I was a young pro in England and there was a lot more pressure on me over there.

Here I am regarded as a senior player and I can relax more and look forward to my game. I've never enjoyed soccer as much as I'm enjoying it now.

But I'm really desperate to get into the PSL and if I get there it will be with one of two Melbourne clubs because I've just bought a house here and I'm pretty much settled.

When I came here the playing standard was equivalent to the Southern League in England — one of the top non-league competitions.

The standard has certainly risen with the advent of the PSL and I would say, even though it's hard to make comparisons, that most PSL clubs would compare favorably with English Third Division clubs.

The standard here could be better if we had some coaches rather than the many trainers who train you on Tuesday and Thursday and think they're coaching you.

What we need is more courses for coaches — maybe then we'd do something about improving ourselves!

The soccer writers aren't too bad and in Victoria at least most of them try hard.

I know the soccer writers get a lot of criticism from players and officials but the writers have a hard enough time battling to get space in papers for soccer.

As far as I'm concerned they do all right under the circumstances.

As for the Australian team, I reckon it's got a great chance of getting to Spain in 1982.

I've heard stories about Gutterford being this and Gutterford being that but you can't deny that he's getting good results and that's what it's all about.

But I don't know the man and I only can judge him on results, so he's doing well at present.

I think that if Australia gets to Spain it might make Australians show more respect for soccer.

Croatia has come under criticism this year but most sides are terribly defensive against us and it's not easy to play against teams which pack players into the penalty area.

Most of our supporters and some of our officials can't accept defeat and all hell has broken loose at times when we've lost but you can't really knock a side which has won the Ampol Cup and the Dockerty Cup in the same season.

Soccer in Australia has been good to me, not just financially but for enjoyment also.

I had a bad start to my career here but things are looking good for me now and I'm only 23.

I'd like to see the playing standard here improve but players must apply themselves more.

Two nights' training a week is not enough and looking at clubs like Heidelberg there can be no doubt that four nights training is a big help to a player's game.

Now that I've proved myself in the State League I've got to give the PSL a go.

That's my main aim at present.



KEN MORTON

Wollongong's gain is Rapid's loss

By WALTER PLESS

Rapid-Wrest Point is undoubtedly the best team in Tasmania. State League champions for the second successive year, Ampol Cup winners this year too, they are unbeaten after 27 league and cup games, an outstanding performance by any standard.

The players are well looked after by a dedicated group of 'back-room staff' consisting of First Aid men and team officials. Nothing is left to chance.

Rapid will miss coach Ken Morton next year. He recently has been appointed coach of new Phillips League side Wollongong City. Morton has provided a professional touch to Rapid's training. His coaching sessions are demanding yet enjoyable. They are well planned and executed and the back-up facilities are first class.

The session I attended was held on a bitterly cold, wet and rain-swept night and the ground conditions were heavy. Many a coach would have cancelled training, but not Morton.

As the players arrived, Morton ticked their names off on his attendance sheet. This, together with his written notes for the session, is meticulously accurate. Attendances at the almost 130 sessions held this season have been almost 100%.

The players received rub-downs and had any necessary strapping applied by the team's First Aid crew, led by Brian Evans. Then, after being issued with either a blue or a yellow tea-shirt, which would serve as a training bib, the players trooped onto the field.

After the 75 minute session, the players returned to hot showers and hot drinks. It is no wonder that there were no grumbles about training in the prevailing conditions. The previous evening, the players had been treated to massages and sauna.

The match day procedure highlighted both the professionalism of Morton and the superb planning and organisation that is a feature of the Rapid-Wrest Point club. The match was to be an evening one, the final of the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy and because of this a light training session was held in the afternoon. The players then reported to a hotel, which is a co-sponsor of the team, for a team meal and pre-match tactical talk.

Roy Stoneman, team manager, had everything organised, down to the last piece of steak, egg, slice of toast, and cup of tea. The atmosphere at meal time was relaxed and jovial.

The tactical talk began shortly after the meal was completed. Morton sat centre-stage, rustling his copious notes.

He outlined the game plan, dealing with every player individually, as well as the team as a whole. It was a polished exhibition.

There was plenty of individual talent and experience among the players, in all the playing departments. Peter Willis, ex-Leeds United, Larry Nunn, a Rothmans Gold Medal winner, David Smith and Mark Oakes, the two front runners, were just some of note.

The talk over, the colour television set now became the focus of attention as the BBC's "Match Of The Day" flashed onto the screen. It was to be a fitting prelude to the match the players were to take part in later that evening, Manchester United 2, Manchester City 2. After the programme, the players filed out and headed for the floodlights of Grove Road.

The dressing room was a scene of bustling but organised activity. Brian Evans and his team were hard at work on the players — massaging, strapping, encouraging. Morton did not have to say much. It already had been said. A quiet word here and there to individuals was all that was needed now.

Half-time saw the teams deadlocked at 0-0. The players and the coach were confident. While sipping drinks and having knocks attended to, the players listened to Morton's words of encouragement.

A positive attitude was prevalent. The team was playing well, chances were being created, patience and perseverance would bring results. The fact that Morton is player-coach of the team made his words ring true to the players. After all, he was out on the park with them.

In the second half, Brighton hit a purple patch and took a 2-0 lead but the Rapid machine stuck to its task. Morton, leading his team superbly by example, struck twice to level the score and take the game into extra time. That is how it stayed and Rapid's record remained intact. They lived to fight another day.

Although there was an air of disappointment at not having won, Morton consoled his players.

He thanked each one individually for his performance.

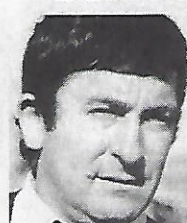
They should be pleased with their efforts, as not many teams get back from 2-0 down. The gloom began to lift.

One could see that the players retained absolute confidence in the man, both as a player and as a coach.

Regardless of what happened in the replay, Ken Morton had done his job. Wollongong's gain is definitely Rapid's loss.

Cirkovic blasts Bergers over Victoria Cup

Prominent coach Cedo Cirkovic this week expressed the feeling of most of the Victoria Cup participants when he criticised Heidelberg United from withdrawing from the competition.



Cedo Cirkovic

The reason given by Heidelberg is that it will have too many players away on the Soccerbowl world tour and that others want a holiday.

Cirkovic said: "It looks like coach Len McKendry only wants to play if his team is guaranteed of winning."

"But what about the club's young players, and the players who sit on the bench all year — Yankos, Pavlidis, Provan, Taylor, Williams, Moulas and some others? Why not give them a chance?"

"U.S.T. may have Lujic, Hazabent and a couple of others away on holidays, and we will let Belic play in the Australian youth team, so we will use young players."

"They will be happy to get a chance. They will try hard to show they are good players and that they want to play in the first team."

Heidelberg should do this too.

Cirkovic returned to J.U.S.T. recently and is likely to coach the team next year.

But it's too late for Heidelberg. When the club withdrew, the VSF replaced it with the national youth team which will use the tournament as preparation for competitions in Fiji and Israel later this year.

The draw for the Victoria Cup is

Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game Preston Macedonia v Juventus 7.00 pm. 2nd Game National Youth II v Footscray 8.45 pm.
Sunday 26 October at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Essendon Croatia v St. Kilda Hakoah 1.30 pm. 2nd Game South Melbourne v Green Gully 3.15 pm.
Wednesday 29 October at Olympic Park-Section A: 1st Game — Footscray v Juventus. 2nd Game National Youth II v Preston Macedonia.
Sunday 2 November at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Green Gully v St. Kilda Hakoah. 2nd Game South Melbourne v Essendon Croatia.

Wednesday 5 November at Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game Juventus v National Youth II. 2nd Game Essendon Croatia v Green Gully.
Sunday 9 November at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Preston Macedonia v Footscray. 2nd Game St. Kilda Hakoah v South Melbourne.
Wednesday 12 November — semi-finals at Olympic Park: 1st Game winner section A v runner-up section B. 2nd Game winner section B v runner-up section A.
Sunday 16 November final at Olympic Park. Winners of Semi-Finals.

Altona's battle is continuing

Victorian State League club Altona City could incur an administrative upheaval at its annual general meeting.

Joe Wilson, former first team coach, ended a five year association with Altona three weeks ago and although Wilson and Altona parted on good terms the former coach suggested that certain attitudes around the club will have to change if Altona is to achieve success.

"There wasn't much communication between the coaching staff and the committee," said Wilson, "especially when things became desperate toward the end of last season."

"I think there are a few people around the club who are prepared to sit back and accept that Altona has achieved its goal by becoming a State League club," he continued.

"There's not a great deal of money with which to buy players and whenever we have a promising youngster he's snapped up by wealthier clubs so it's a constant battle to keep your head above water."

"It's back to square one as far as Altona is concerned and after my time there I decided to try a fresh challenge and look for a new club."

"It's hard to get the best out of the players when you've become



Eddie Krncevic (right) and Tommy Cumming, showing off two of Croatia's many cups.

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KB's appeal is successful

The "Newcastle is United" Appeal has concluded at a total of \$53,771.20 which was raised as follows:

1. Appeals committee/supporters club Special Activities \$17,261.71.
2. Cans Bakery contribution \$10,000.
3. Corporate Donations:

4. Newcastle International Sports Centre Trust \$4,995.79.
5. Newcastle International Sports Centre Club's entertainment committee \$1,705.
6. Public Subscriptions and member's contributions \$12,783.70.

The Club wishes to thank the people of Newcastle for their generous support in the club's

We're taking on the cricket millions

All advocates of summer soccer should please take note of cricket's plans for this summer.

Then after digesting them, I suggest they get back to reality and concentrate on attempting to promote and market soccer in the winter — the proper season for all football, soccer included.

But back to cricket's plans, announced last week by the PBL marketing company that is marketing cricket so successfully.

In one of the most lavish promotional exercises in the history of Australian sport, PBL announced that more than \$3 million will be poured into the promotion of cricket.

The bulk of the \$3 million will be spent on television advertising to attract the fans to the games.

The players will vie for prizemoney of more than \$300,000.

And at the end of the season the Benson and Hedges Cricketer-of-the-year will win a gold-colored Datsun 280 ZX valued at \$20,000.

So there you have it, TV will be saturated with cricket along with a course, all the big golf tournaments and big tennis tournaments.



TOM ANDERSON

Again I say, with soccer's modest budget it will be a farce to try to take these sports on.

Sure, the advocates will say that soccer is to be played at night in the summer and will not clash with the real summer sports.

The answer to that is, that sports fans, by the time they have finished with the cricket, tennis, golf and horse racing

will want an escape from sport — not more of it in the form of soccer.

I see that the argument that New York Cosmos drew a gigantic crowd at night in the summer is still being used by the summer soccer protagonists.

Believe me there are no drawcards the Cosmos stars playing in the Philips League.

Again I say, as I have said many times in the past, Rick

Booth and his marketing company should concentrate on marketing and promoting soccer in the winter.

They have not tried this and in fact it has never really been marketed or promoted properly here in the winter.

So why do they want to change seasons without having a real go? It is that we have not been given the real reason for the desire to change seasons.

Could the reason be that this is being done to introduce indoor soccer to Australia? And that the only way indoor soccer will get off the ground is to change the conventional season to summer?

It is no secret that all our top clubs would vehemently oppose their players being used midweek in an indoor competition and then having to play PSL games at the weekend.

And no indoor competition would have a hope in hell of surviving without PSL players taking part.

So to get over this difficulty, conventional soccer is to be sacrificed and moved to

summer to make way for what is hoped to be a money-drawing indoor league.

Money-drawing to whom is the question that has to be asked.

No doubt the clubs will want the answer before they vote on summer soccer in March.

And on this matter of summer soccer — played at night — what about the official attendance at last weekend's top four clash between Sydney City and Heidelberg.

The officials of the Sports Ground are adamant that there were only 1700 paying customers — so much for summer soccer played at night.

WHY CANBERRA, SAINTS

St. George was once the backbone of the national team and one of the top two or three clubs in Australia. Today it is waiting nervously for news about whether it will be readmitted to the PSL after finishing last on the ladder.

Canberra City has the potential to be what St. George was in its finest years but despite an excellent stadium, solid community support and an expensive recruitment drive this year, Canberra still fails to realise its potential.

Ironicly both clubs have failed for opposite reasons: St. George because it is a "closed shop", Canberra because it is too democratic.

The St. George leaders have only themselves to blame for the sad demise of the club over the past five years.

The once-great club that was instrumental in forming the Philips League, has survived in the new league only because of some last-minute guest imports like Ray Clemence, Ralph Coates and Charlie George and because of two Houdini acts by coaches Joe Vlasits in 1978 and Raul Blanco in 1979.

I joined Saints as a player in 1980. The only thing that has not changed in all that time is the committee — and there's the rub. Players and coaches have come and gone — many cutting their ties with the club completely.

Let's have a look at the ongoing exodus of coaches: Vlasits, Rasic, Arok, Johnson, Warren, Schaefer, Takac, Gelei, Blanco and now, perhaps Arok again.

Arok is not walking back to what he had in the sixties when Saints boasted great players like Abonyi, Schaefer, Ainslie, Williams, Alston, Hogg, Denton, Fraser, Harris and Utjesenovic.

He is talented enough to inspire a revival but without first engineering a drastic restructuring of the club.

The people who founded the club have to be shown respect for what they have done in the past but I'm afraid many no longer have the time or the enthusiasm to make sure the club gets back onto the right road.

One of my problems with the club before I left in 1975 was that I argued against the fact that only Hungarians were on the committee. I argued that ability, not nationality should be the major criterion.

It is still true that the committee needs new blood and

that it must streamline its organisation.

It has been claimed that the club neglected its team this year in order to concentrate its efforts on completing the new stand at Barton Park.

But that's not true. The fact is the club spent more on the team in the past three or four years than it ever did in the past.

Traditionally, Saints have not been known as big spenders on the transfer market. They had a more or less settled team over a long period and they filled the gaps with an import here or there, and with young players coming up through the ranks — Morgan, the O'Sheas, Williams, Grosse, Jankovics, Treasure and so on.

This year, they rebuilt their team twice — once during the off-season after unloading a lot of long-serving stars, and then half-way through the year when they added Stone, Russell and Ernie Campbell.

Whereas good young players were available in abundance in the past, the present St. George team has only two of its own products — Peter Terry and Mark Bartolo.

By **JOHNNY WARREN**

Too many players have been dumped unceremoniously in recent years — the O'Shea brothers, Jankovics, O'Connor, Schaefer, Hamilton, especially Abonyi.

In their places are players not good enough to lace the boots of those past stars.

Like I said, St. George has no one to blame but themselves. They have thrown a proud tradition out of the window, but it's not too late to change. I can only hope that a fresh new attitude puts St. George back where it belongs — at the pinnacle of Australian soccer.

While St. George has been too laudatory, perhaps too authoritarian at the top, Canberra's problem is that it is too democratic.

That's part of the reason that Canberra has been unable to get the desired results despite its big spending, its solid crowd support (when the team wins) and its good stadium.

There have been four presidents in the past four years —

Dave Dillon, Doug Holman, Charlie Perkins and Theo Moulis — and innumerable board changes.

At the moment the soccer club has control of the social club whose articles of association demand that the board must be elected every year. The only way this can be changed is if a separate soccer committee is formed to hold office for at least three years, but in doing that you run the risk of losing control of the social club.

No less than 300 members vote at the annual meetings.

With so many people involved, it is inevitable that politicking goes on — and it certainly does.

As soon as the team has a couple of bad results, one half of the members politicks against the other half to get the president, the committee or the coach out at the next elections.

The instability caused by all these undercurrents is reflected in the performance of the team.

In the latter part of the 1980 season Canberra City's biggest opponent was Canberra City itself.

Canberra has much in common with Newcastle, but they differ in one important area — stability of administration. As a result, Newcastle always gets good results at first.

home. Canberra on the other hand, has failed this year to get good results in front of its divided "supporters."

The establishment of Canberra City opened the way for further decentralisation of soccer. Newcastle followed now we have Woollongong City and we'll decentralise further into Geelong, Gosford, Townsville etc.

Having played the role of the pioneer, Canberra now must continue to show the way by getting success on the field.

Equipped with probably the youngest squad in the PSL, Canberra's potential is unlimited. Once these players start putting it together, and get a run on, they can become Australia's top team and they can remain at the top for a long time simply because of their youth.

But stability must come first.

Imports only way to ease drain on talent

The drain on Australian Soccer talent overseas, currently a trickle, could become a flood within the next few years.

This, the latest of Soccer's

problems, is ironic when one thinks a major problem for years has been the entry of too many imports INTO Australia.

Recent ASF legislation has almost halted the inflow of players into the country, another touch of irony there.

Although the ASF directive against world cup squad

players going overseas may delay the exodus of our top stars, once the world cup campaign ends the outflow will begin.

It seems likely to start with Gary Cole, Peter Sharpe and John Yzendoorn.



MIKE JOHNSON

These may be the forerunners of many more as overseas clubs eye our ever improving players, who by world standards are dirt cheap to buy.

I doubt whether any of our current players could hold down a First Division place in top European club sides in Germany, Spain, Italy or England.

On the other hand there is good money to be made in Holland, Greece, USA and other middle standard soccer countries, where they could get a first team berth.

The same applies in Second and Third Division clubs in England and the other major soccer nations, where players earn excellent wages.

English Second Division clubs regularly pay up to \$500,000 transfer fees for players. They could buy our very best stars for \$100,000, or at maximum \$200,000.

Although our clubs like to win trophies and are aware that star players are needed to do that, they also seem to be rather bedazzled by the big cheques being waved at them by agents of European clubs.

Certainly Heidelberg seems very willing to listen to the offers for Cole, Yzendoorn and others who may follow the path of former goalkeeper, Yakka Banovic.

If our clubs do sell their top stars they must use part of the money to provide the grounds and other facilities so badly needed, and not squander it meaninglessly.

One of the few good things that may come out of the sale of our soccer cream would be the use of the money to upgrade our soccer and our stadiums.

The great danger to the code from a continuing drain of our top players would be to keep the standard at the top improving the way it has in the past four years, since the start of the Philips league.

I do emphatically believe it is the standard of our game which is holding us back far more than any other factor.

This being the case clubs must be allowed to import stars from overseas to counteract the drain of our top talent.

Spectators need stars. Soccer here needs stars if it is to grow.

If our stars are going to move to richer pastures, which inevitably they will, then we must import others to take their place.

Rothman's director of soccer coaching for Australia, Eric Worthington, said he would know that his coaching scheme was beginning to provide results when we started selling our stars overseas.

That time has now arrived. The ASF now needs to look at the situation carefully and consult with our top clubs to come up with a set of guidelines which will protect the interests of all parties concerned.

The parties concerned are the players, clubs, Australian Soccer and most of all the paying public.

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GOAL LOOKING GOOD FOR CUP

It's long odds-on for Croatia and Makedonia to contest the final of the 1980 State League Cup on Sunday at Olympic Park.

Their clash will be preceded by the final of the Amateur League Cup between Maccabi Hakoah and McLeod, kicking off at 1.30 pm.

Deadline requirements force me to preview a Croatia-Makedonia final without knowing the result of tonight's (Wednesday) clashes between Hakoah and Makedonia, and Croatia and Ajax.

Should Hakoah confound the critics and get to the final it will likely be at Makedonia's expense and Croatia should stroll through the final and win by a clear-cut margin.

The difference between Croatia and Makedonia and the other top four sides has been the highlight of the competition. The trend toward a head-on clash between these super teams of State League soccer should continue after tonight's games and the scene is almost set for a memorable final before an excellent crowd.

Croatia can defeat Makedonia and add the State League Cup to its Ampol and Dockery Cup victories this year.

The Carl Gilder-Noel Mitten partnership is realising its potential after gaining good pre-season publicity but failing to flatter through the league program.

Tommy Cumming and Ken Murphy are fit and join a squad brimful of talent.

Makedonia does not enjoy as much depth, especially after Gary Ward's loss last weekend when the club's leading scorer broke his left leg.

Croatia senses success and, urged on by its revenge motive after suffering two defeats from Makedonia in league games this season, Croatia can continue its dazzling form in this Sunday's final.

Whoever is dropped from Croatia's midfield can consider himself unlucky.

Joe Tront has been in fine form recently. Howard Andrews has found touch at the business end of the season, every side needs an Alan Kerr and John Gardiner's leadership is worth its weight in gold.

Where can Murphy and Cumming fit in?

Brian Edgley should have little trouble selecting his line-up because the stability of his team selection has been an important factor in Makedonia's success in 1980.

Ward's loss can be covered by George McMillan moving up front and Ljube Petrovski can come into midfield, allowing the reliable Steve Beech to slot in at left back.

Although the outcome is never assured until the final whistle, there can be no doubt about the ferocity of this encounter as both sides have players who don't mess about and if they can't win the ball they take the man instead.

If this clash is half as good as last Sunday's game it will be a great crowd pleaser.

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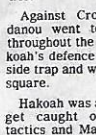
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Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie



Hakoah's preoccupation with the physical aspects of the game was evident against Croatia last week but Makedonia can cope with such tactics.

Against Croatia Bill Jordanou went to sweeper but throughout the second half Hakoah's defence played the off-side trap and was often caught square.

Hakoah was always going to get caught out with such tactics and Makedonia should

capitalise through Rob Cullen or adventurous midfielders Jeff Faulkner and Claude Lucchesi.

It may pay Jordanou to drop off his defence and give cover to the markers for Cullen, Peter Ollerton and George McMillan.

But Makedonia should wrap up its spot in the final with a convincing win.

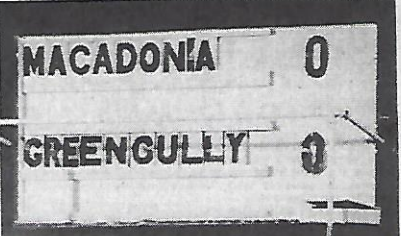
Croatia should take Ajax in its stride and the most interesting battle will be between

former Eire international Jimmy Dunne and former Eire youth international Noel Mitten.

Dunne will have to give good cover to the markers of Mitten and Carl Gilder or else Croatia's scoring spree will continue.

Mitten and Gilder are tearing defences to shreds and Ajax keeper Lou Denys will have to be at his acrobatic best to maintain his side's respectability.

Bill Vojtek and Willie Vassallo were dismal failures against Makedonia last week and get the chance to atone for their poor performances here but Croatia's midfielders, Joe Tront, Alan Kerr, John Gardiner perhaps, or Ken Murphy, should take complete control early and Croatia should continue to pile on the goals.



MACADONIA? Someone at Olympic Park can't spell

Moreland or Coburg to meet Doveton

DOVETON 2 (Irvine pen., Acevski o.g.) J.U.S.T. 1 (Simic) A.E.T. Score at full time, 1-1.

DOVETON: Ivanoff - Merrick, Thurlow, Corks, McConville - Collier, Bentley, Campbell - McDonald, Irvine, Bradshaw. **J.U.S.T.:** Ciric (sent off 80th) - Smurgeski, Nisbet, Acevski, Telavski - Curovic, Kralic, Milice, Batic - Simic, Corzalla.

An own goal in extra time enabled Doveton to defeat J.U.S.T. and move into the final of the Metro League Cup against the winner of this Saturday's semi-final at Ross Reserve, Springvale between Moreland and Coburg, kick off 2.45 pm.

Doveton striker Steve Irvine scored from the penalty spot late in the second half to take the match into extra time.

In the 40th minute Jim Milne, at the far post, headed back across goal from a cross from J.U.S.T.'s right and when Doveton's defenders failed to clear effectively J.U.S.T.'s Paul Simic slammed a fierce drive into the back of the net from three metres.

The second half was incident-packed as referee Mike Daly failed to control wild tackling and figured in controversial decisions culminating in a crucial penalty decision to Doveton and the sending off of J.U.S.T. keeper Milutin Ciric late in the game.

The onset of heavy rain suited the more physical Doveton which was rewarded for its great spirit by an own goal from J.U.S.T. sweeper Danny Acevski.

Referee Daly added to the confusion of both teams with unusual decisions and was involved in a nasty incident after the match as some J.U.S.T. players wanted to vent their disapproval of his performance. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

PSL REFS

David Yelland returns to the Victorian panel of PSL referees for 1981.

The others are Evan Venios, Chris Cambridge and Stewart Mellings, with Denis Voutsinas and Jim Fearn as reserves.

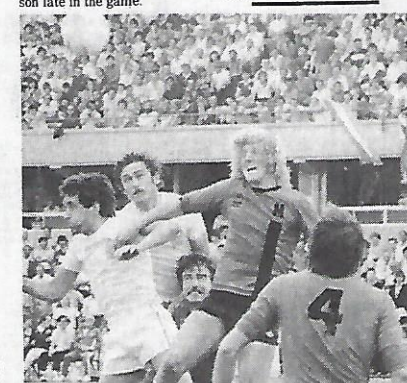
Suddenly McClunnie was unmarked with Smart nowhere in sight and Hakoah went 1-0 up when McClunnie steadied then slammed a low shot in between Denys and the near upright.

Four minutes from the interval French's persistence enabled him to rob Patten, cross to the far post to Webster, but the Hakoah midfielder glanced his header wide from about six metres.

The second half petered put into a dull, drab affair and most spectators became rest-less awaiting the second, all-important clash between Croatia and Makedonia following the Hakoah-Ajax match.

Segi should have equalised in the 55th minute when Vassallo played a one-two with Vojtek, then pushed the ball wide to Dave Hogben, who played up the line to Dave Perkin who had replaced Smart at the interval. Perkin curled the ball in behind the Hakoah defence to the incoming Segi who side-footed over the six-yard box.

The game ended on a sour note when a behind-the-play clash between two youngsters, Michael Gesos of Hakoah and Ajax's Hogben, resulted in Gesos lying prostrate on the ground and eventually taken off and replaced by Colin Allison late in the game.



• Gary Ward beats Croatia defenders Steve Short (left) and Steve Kokoska in an aerial duel. Ward broke his left leg last Sunday.

Acevski, not van Baar

Danny Acevski has won the Victorian Second Division best and fairest player award after all.

The Victorian Soccer Federation announced last week that although Acevski, of Footscray J.U.S.T., had polled the most referees' votes (21) he was ineligible for the award as he had been sent off during the season.

So the VSF named Tony van Baar of Morwell Falcons as the winner.

But then J.U.S.T. pointed out to the VSF that Acevski had not been sent off this year.

Rather, it was Danny Smurgeski who was sent off. The VSF had made a very embarrassing mistake. LAURIE SCHWAB.

DAVIDSON AGAIN

Croatia Glenorchy star Brian Davidson became the first winner of two successive Tasmanian Rothmans medals when he polled 33 votes from 17 games to defeat Peter Davidson, George Town's sweeper.

Former Rapid-Wrest Point player-coach Ken Morton, now manager-coach with Wollongong City, slammed the standard of Tasmanian refereeing and used the voting in the Rothmans medal to vindicate his stand.

"Their (the referees) choice of players for the Rothmans award showed how out-of-touch they are," said Morton.

Morton has swooped upon three top players in Tasmania and led for Wollongong with the signatures of Rapid sweeper Peter Willis, Rapid striker David Smith and Brighton ICL goalkeeper Robert Harrison.

Brighton winger Perry Forster could be the next target of Morton's recruit campaign.

game out of Makedonia's reach well before the final 10 minutes.

MAKEDONIA 3 (Ward 2, Lucchesi) AJAX 0

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 - Rainey 7, Flavell 6, Higham 7, Petrovski 8 - Faulkner 9, McMillan 8, Lucchesi 6 - Cullen 7, Ollerton 7, Ward 7.

AJAX: Denys 8 - Hogben 7, Dunne 6, Patten 6, Smart 6 - Vojtek 5, Bennett 6, Vassallo 6 - Segi 6 (McMillan 75th), Bennis 6 (Gilly 69th), Morrey 6.

Makedonia marched past Ajax and was content to stick away three goals in a game which petered out as Ajax went through the motions for most of the second half.

In the ninth minute the Ajax area looked like centre ring in the Moscow Circus, with bodies everywhere and arms and legs flailing as the ball kept rebounding after a series of shots which somehow were kept out of Ajax's goal.

In the 19th minute, Ajax could no longer hold out and a long ball went to Peter Ollerton who headed on to Gary Ward and Makedonia's leading scorer slammed the ball high into the back of the net from point-blank range.

Ajax could have levelled when Bill Vojtek put his Morrey through in the 32nd minute. Morrey's right foot shot past Lou Kastner but John Higham was on hand to clear off the line.

In the 35th minute Claude Lucchesi found acres of space wide on Makedonia's left and he gained possession, then curled the ball in behind a square Ajax defence to the incoming Rob Cullen who failed to tap the ball past advancing Lou Denys.

Ward was following in behind Cullen and he tapped the ball home for his and Makedonia's second goal.

The game was well out of Ajax's reach now and the second half produced few thrills.

The only goal of the half came when a line cross from the right by George McMillan went to Lucchesi on the far post who had two attempts before forcing the ball over the Ajax goal line as Lou Denys tried in vain to tap clear.

CROATIA 4 Mitten 2, Gilder, Adams pen.) HAKOAH 0

CROATIA: Blasby 8 - Short 8, Adams 8, Kokoska 7, Blavet 7 - Tront 7, Kerr 7, Andrews 8 - Witten 8, Gilder 8, Cumming 7 (Gardiner 65th).

HAKOAH: O'Hara 6 - Blair 7 (Rooney 60th) Jordanou 6, Gadsby 6, Dosen 6 - Webster 6, Bannan 6, McNeil 5, Kent 6 - French 7, McClunnie 6.

Hakoah spent the first 30 minutes trying to cut Croatia down to size but the Cups king proved its superiority with a comfortable 4-0 win.

Hakoah's roughhouse tactics failed to stem the Croatia tide and Carl Gilder opened the scoring in the 34th minute when he ran onto Steve Short's long ball and coolly tapped it over the head of ad-

before officialdom sees the light and places stretchers close to the field with easy access of physiotherapists and club doctors?

Croatia was in command territorially in the opening 30 minutes but Noel Mitten failed to capitalise on a great chance when Mike Rainey slipped when trying to intercept a John Gardiner through ball and Mitten, with Lou Kastner to beat, shot at the Makedonia keeper who parried clear.

Makedonia stunned Croatia with the opening goal in the 29th minute.

Ward sent Cullen through and the diminutive dynamo steadied, then slotted the ball low past Peter Blasby into the far corner of goal.

Within two minutes scores were level.

Carl Gilder laid off to Joe Tront who came inside, then passed to Howard Andrews. Andrews played a one-two with Mitten, ran onto the return and cracked a first-time right-foot shot past Lou Kastner, diving in vain at full stretch.

Thirty seconds after the kick-off Peter Ollerton had a close range shot saved on the line by Blasby.

The crowd was on its toes as play switched quickly from end to end.

The pelting rain which marred the second half didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players who continued to produce a hard-hitting spectacle.

Alan Kerr hammered home a thunderous left-foot shot from off the inside of the near upright to put Croatia back into the lead in the 67th minute.

Seven minutes later Makedonia's players remonstrated with referee Montom when Ollerton went down inside the area but Montom waved play on.

Ken Murphy had come on in place of Gardiner and he almost caught Kastner napping with a curled free kick in the 70th minute which Kastner tapped onto the bar, then recovered to grab the rebound.

Mitten should have wrapped it up in the 80th minute when he was put through by Tommy Cumming, Andrews' replacement, but Kastner was quickly off his line and Mitten failed to add to his recent goalscoring feats by shooting straight at Kastner as he had done in the first half.

When it seemed a Croatia victory was assured, up bobbed the never-say-die Claude Lucchesi to snatch a point for Makedonia.

Ljube Petrovski charged forward down Makedonia's right wing and crossed to the far post. Ollerton, under pressure from Steve Kokoska, headed back across goal to Lucchesi who seemed to have lost his chance to score but, almost unbelievably, kept going and slid down to toe-poke the ball off Blasby and inside the near post.

Lucchesi's effort typified Makedonia's attitude but Croatia should have put the

45 STATIONS IN GRAND TV FINAL

The Phillips League grand final at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, on 26 October, will be the greatest soccer extravaganza yet staged in Australia.

The big game will be televised live to 20 stations and on a delayed basis to 25 stations all over the country from Perth to Brisbane, from Newcastle to Hobart.

Channel 0 in Melbourne and Sydney will show the whole programme live from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Dunlop Sports Footwear is providing about \$10,000 cash to help meet the costs of staging the match, which kicks off at 2.30 pm.

Off-field attractions will include a family barbecue, a disco run by radio 2CA and a children's fairground. On-field entertainment starts at 11 am.

The national youth team, coached by Rudo Gutendorf will play against an All-Stars team I have picked. It is: Roy Curry, Danny Koullis, Mike Milovanovic, Mike O'Shea, Harry Williams, John O'Shea, Attila Abonyi,

By JOHNNY WARREN, former Soccerroo captain

Brendan Grosse, George Campbell (from Juventus Canberra), not South Melbourne), Tony Brennan and Walter Valeri.

There's a possibility Manfred Schaefer may play as well.

An 80-piece Army massed band will be featured, and there will be a skydiving exhibition as well as a RAAF guard dog display.

Balconnen Mall will sponsor a \$750 Superstars contest featuring Tony Brennan as the soccer representative.

competing against stars of Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

There will be six events in the contest — two of them at half time. They are 100 metres, 800m, 400m, penalty kicks, drop or punt kicks and place kicks. Prize-money is \$300, \$200, \$150 and \$100.

Tickets to the game are available from Canberra soccer clubs, the Canberra Theatre, Thistle Kiosk at the Woden Plaza, and from John Davies at the Balconnen Mall. Stand prices are \$4.50 and \$1.50 for children and pensioners and other prices \$3.50 and \$1.50.

I'm disappointed that some people are trying to ridicule the match between the youth team and the all-stars. They're saying that by getting some of the "old men" to play, we're making a mockery out of the youth team.

All I can say that if these boys go on to achieve half of what Abonyi and Corry have achieved, then our future is in good hands.

Corry, at 39, is still reserve goalkeeper at Marconi, and Abonyi, although he's restricted himself to coaching, could still play for any PSL team.

Unfortunately, the people who are making remarks about this match weren't around at the time soccer was being built up into what it is today by the likes of Corry, Abonyi and others.

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I had a call from Adrian Alston in England the other day.

"Noddy" says he's keen to return to Australia to do coaching.

He currently manages a health farm in England but he has coaching qualifications and his great knowledge of the game would be a tremendous asset to any club.

Alston is one of the all-time greats of the national team. He joined English club Luton Town after starring for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals, and went on to play for Cardiff City and Tampa Bay Rowdies in the U.S. before an injury forced him to retire. In the meantime he returned briefly to Australia to play for Canberra City and for the Soccerroos in their 1977 World Cup campaign.

Clubs interested in talking with Alston are welcome to ring me on Canberra 30 2488 for further details.

BRANKO ON TOP SINCE 1977

Branko Buljevic has scored eight goals in the 10 games between Hellas and Heidelberg since 1977.

He scored six of them for Heidelberg and two for Hellas after transferring there early this year.

All scores in games between the clubs since 1977:

HELLAS: 4. Rogers; 3. Cummings; 2. Buljevic; 1. Kent, Drakeford.

HEIDELBERG: 6. Buljevic; 4. Cole; 3. Taylor; 1. Provan; J. Campbell, McMillan, Paton, Zyzanski; Over the 10 games, Heidelberg has won five, drawn four and lost only one, while scoring 19 goals to 11.

All results since 1977 (note that Heidelberg until the start of 1979):

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummings 5th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Provan 5th) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Relly 6 — P. 9, Xanthopoulos 5, Kalfafidis 7, Hagegmanoull 5 — Gibson 5, Rogers 6, Daperis 4 (Alexiou 8th) — Cummings 6, O'Brien 6, French 4. Total: 63.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — Nelson 6, O'Reilly 7, Glykaskalos 7, Provan 6; Rousavola 6 (Selemidis 7th), Taylor 7, P. Bannan 7 — Boskias 6 (Kokkinos 6 half time), Buljevic 9. Total: 72.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 5 (Buljevic 2, Cole 2, Rogers own goal) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Rogers 2) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 4 (Whitely 5, 5th) — V. Bannan 7, O'Reilly 7, Provan 6, P. Bannan 7, McMillan 6 — Campbell 6 (Tansey 8th), Taylor 7, Boskias 7 — Cole 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 75.5.

HELLAS: Relly 5 — P. 9, Zantopoulos 5, Kalfafidis 5, Daperis 4 (Hagegmanoull 6 half time) — Mitten 6, Rogers 8, Gibson 5 —

Kent 7, French 6, O'Brien 8. Total: 66.

1978 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 4th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole 5th) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Hansen 7 — P. 9, Kalfafidis 6, Baxter 7, Hagegmanoull 7 — Lutton 9, Wright 6, Rogers 6 — McGuinness 7, O'Brien 6, Kent 8. Total: 77.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — McMillan 7, Provan 7, P. Bannan 6, Taylor 7, Trent 6 (O'Reilly 6, half time) — Boskias 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 8. Total: 76.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Campbell, McMillan) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Rogers) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blasby 7 — McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 9 — Taylor 9 (Injured, not Mladenovic 6th), P. Bannan 6, Campbell 9 — Boskias 8, Cole 8, Buljevic 9. Total: 89.

HELLAS: Relly 6 — P. 9, Kalfafidis 6, Baxter 6, Hagegmanoull 6 — Lutton 6, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6 (McGuinness 6, half time) — Cummings 6, Rogers 6, G. Campbell 9. Total: 70.

PHILIPS CUP SECOND ROUND FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Buljevic 8th, Taylor 10th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummings 8th) at Olympic Park (night game).

ALEXANDER: Marner 9 — McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 9, Tansey 8 — P. Bannan 9, Taylor 8, Campbell 7 — Selemidis 7 (Milovacki 9th), Cole 6, Buljevic 7. Total: 84.

HELLAS: Relly 7 — P. 9, Baxter 7, Munro 8, Hagegmanoull 7 — Lutton 8, Wright 6 (Rogers 6 half time), Christopoulos 6 — G. Campbell 8, Evans 8, Cummings 7. Total: 81.

1979 HEIDELBERG UTD 2 (Buljevic 36th, Taylor 7th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Drakeford 82nd,

Cummings 7th) at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5 — McMillan 6, O'Reilly 6, Provan 6, Tansey 6 — Rooney 8, Taylor 7, Campbell 7 (Bozkias 6 5th min), Cole 6, Buljevic 8. Total: 68.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Relly 6 — Kalfafidis 7, Baxter 7 (Injured, Kyriakoulas 8, 5th min), Munro 8, Turner 6 — Lutton 5, Wright 5 (Davidson 8, half time), Cummings 6 — Drakeford 7, Evans 7, Campbell 6. Total: 69.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 HEIDELBERG UTD 1 (Taylor 3rd).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 6 — P. 9, Kalfafidis 8, Baxter 6, Turner 7 — Wright 6, Christopoulos 6, Davidson 6, Lutton 6 — Campbell 6, Cummings 6. Total: 76.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — Zyzanski 7, P. Bannan 10, Provan 7, Tansey 8 — Campbell 9 (inj sub Boskias 7th), Taylor 7, Rooney 8 — Cole 8, Paton 8, Buljevic 7. Total: 86.

1980 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 HEIDELBERG UTD 0 at Middle Park.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 9 — V. Bannan 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Blair 8, Lutton 7 — Davidson 6 (Injured, not Cummings 5th), Christopoulos 8, Rogers 6 — Campbell 7, Evans 6, Buljevic 8. Total: 83.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Zyzanski 9, P. Bannan 8, Tansey 8 — Campbell 7, Selemidis 8, Rooney 6 — Boskias 7, Paton 8, Cole 7. Total: 82.

HEIDELBERG 1 (Paton) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Buljevic 2) at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Zyzanski 8, P. Bannan 7, Tansey 9 — J. Campbell 9 (inj sub Williams 8th), Selemidis 7, Rooney 7 — Cole 7, Paton 7, Boskias 6 (inj sub Williams 8th). Total: 81.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 6 — V. Bannan 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Lutton 7, Davidson 10 — Rogers 8, Christopoulos 7, Selemidis 7 — Cummings 6 (Kakatzonias 6th), Evans 7, Buljevic 8. Total: 84.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Zyzanski 9, P. Bannan 8, Tansey 9 — J. Campbell 9 (inj sub Williams 8th), Selemidis 7, Rooney 7 — Cole 7, Paton 7, Boskias 6 (inj sub Williams 8th). Total: 80.

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The ball whistles past and the Marconi men stare in dismay, as they did so often on Sunday. From left: Duncan Cummings of Hellas (background), Peter Brogan, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Cant, Bertie Mariani, Branko Buljevic (Hellas) and Tony Henderson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Boden leads slick victory

SYDNEY CITY 2 (Trenter 35th, Boden pen. 39th) HEIDELBERG 0, PSL semi-final at Sydney Sports Ground, Saturday night, crowd 3457. Referee Tony Boskovic 9, yellow cards: Watson 24, Provan 39.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 9, Mullen 8, O'Connor 7, Gomez 7, Bruce 7, Stevenson 8, Watson 8, Souiness 7, Spanos 8, Boden 9, Trenter 7 (Silva 7th).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6, McMillan 7, Bannan 6, Provan 7, Tansey 7, Selemidis 6, Campbell 6, (Zyzanski 7th), Rooney 8, Boskias 5, Paton 5, Cole 5.

Sydney City stormed into the grand final with a decisive 2-0 victory over Heidelberg at the Sydney Sports Ground, but failed to admonish the visitors with the biggest hiding in Sydney this year.

Led by Kenny Boden the Slickers asserted their superiority early in the game but failed to punch home the advantage

created. With barely 15 minutes gone, the Slickers should have had at least a couple of goals to their name.

John Spanos threatened twice then Boden fired a thunderbolt that had Oliver gasping a sign of relief as the ball skidded past the post.

Spanos should have scored in the ninth minute following a goal cross by Mullen and a "nod" by Trenter but did not connect properly and the chance went begging.

After the initial onslaught, City appeared to have taken the game by the scruff of the neck and started to play some controlled soccer with Stevenson, Watson and the magical feet of Boden playing havoc amongst the Bergers.

A short throw from Watson to Mullen in the 38th minute led to the inevitable first goal, but not before the biggest blunder by a goalkeeper in this encounter.

Four minutes into the half, Cummings sent a long diagonal ball over the head on Mariani to George Campbell who lobbed to Evans in the middle. Evans scored to put Hellas back into the game.

Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher had to back-pedal and turn the ball over the bar as a cross by Wright swung goalwards.

Hellas started its goal spree two minutes later.

The ball came to Buljevic on the left of midfield after a series of passes. He laid it back to Xanthopoulos who unleashed a fierce, 30-metre shot that dipped over Maher to narrow the score to 2-2.

It was that goal that turned on the crowd and inspired the team.

Acknowledging the danger, Marconi coach Les Scheinling brought on Ken Lindsay for Mariani to block Hellas's path in midfield. It didn't work.

When Laumeta blocked Sharne's shot in the breakaway by Jankovics, Marconi was a spent force. It was pressed back into defence for the rest of the game.

With 10 minutes to go, Blair beat a man on a run to the edge of the penalty area and hit a shot at the far corner. It would have missed, but Buljevic dashed from behind a group of defenders and turned the ball into the net with a powerful header.

Then Cummings sent over a corner and Evans first-time it home for the winning goal eight minutes from time.

Roger Sherack



and Boden made it 2-0 sending Oliver the wrong way.

Had Trenter been more accurate a couple of minutes later the score would have been greater. Boden was in perfect position near the goal, but Trenter's pass was far too long.

Gary Cole had his third touch of the ball in this half as he beat Todd Clarke with a low drive, but was judged offside by the linesman.

Trenter repeated the trick minutes after the restart, scoring from an offside position, and likewise, gave away a free kick.

With a fairly strong breeze at their back the Bergers were expected to go all out in the second half, but continued Trenter amidst some confusion in the home side's camp towards the end having little if any bearing on the proceedings.

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GILBERT GOING?

DAVID GILBERT, Frankston City's young Reserve goalkeeper is looking for another Club.

David has represented Victoria for a number of years, including the 1979 Victorian U19 side, and was selected in the U16 Australian squad, which nearly caused an upset win in the Lion Cup Championships in Singapore.

He has had senior keeping experience with Frankston and any interested Club can contact him on 786 2112.

'Hellas, Hellas!'

When those chants started, Hellas suddenly switched into a gear it has rarely used this year. Every player seemed to hit 100 km/h.

Power was being generated everywhere — Alan Davidson coming from left back, Xanthopoulos surging through the middle, Bertie Lutton and Steve Blair pushing forward, and especially Sammy Wright, the half-time substitute whose imagination, vision and skill added a new dimension to Hellas's play.

Marconi had looked so good in the first half. Gary Byrne controlled the midfield and Peter Sharne and Eddie Krncevic were deadly in attack. Even after Hellas had recovered to 3-2, Marconi could have wrapped it up with a breakaway run by Mark Jankovics who slipped the ball square to unmarked Sharne. But "goalkeeper" Peter Sharne, who had conceded a soft goal to Sharne early in the game made amends for that slip by coming out well to block Sharne this time.

But while Marconi was impressive in the first half, it fell apart after the interval. Marking was slack and there was no mid field at all. Yet six of these players are in the national team.

And so Marconi's season will be over on Wednesday while Hellas looks good enough to win the grand final in Canberra on 26 October.

First however it must meet arch-rival Heidelberg United at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Hellas has won only one of its 10 matches against Heidelberg since the PSL started in 1977 but significantly, that victory was this year. It may also have won the Cup match two weeks later had full backs Vince Bannan and Alan Davidson played their usual attacking game rather than being used as markers.

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And so this time coach Margaritis is likely to use Xanthopoulos and Blair to mark Heidelberg's strikers, Jamie Paton and Gary Cole.

Vince Bannan, who missed the game against Marconi because of an ankle injury, should recover during the week and return to the right back position.

A twin-stopper plan would leave room for only two midfielders — Billy Rogers and either George Campbell or Sammy Wright.

Although Wright had a brilliant second half on Sunday, Campbell is the more established first-team player, so Wright may again have to be content with a substitute's role.

Heidelberg, beaten 2-0 by Sydney City in their semi-final on Saturday night in front of the near-empty stands of the Sports Ground, meets Marconi tonight (Wednesday) in the replay of their drawn Philips Cup final.

For both teams it will be the third game in



Ian McKie (West Adelaide) and Paul Kay (St George).

These are the goalscorers and player ratings (based on the JAT award) for each of the Philips League clubs. Ratings are listed first, then in brackets the number of appearances in starting line-ups and as substitutes.

ADELAIDE CITY

20-26 matches

7.6 Jones (26)
7.56 Muniz (25)
7.5 Dods (21)
7.3 Marshall (26), Russell (22 & 1), Perin (22), Melta (20 & 3)
7.2 B. Nyskohus (26), J. Nyskohus (25)

10-19 matches

7.3 Barnes (16)
7.2 Northcote (10 & 4)
7.1 Besir (9 & 2)
7.0 Mitchell (7 & 3)
6.8 Marocchi (13 & 3)

1-9 matches

7.8 Fashanu (5)
7.2 Deans (5)
7.0 Signore (1 & 1)
6.7 Muir (3 & 2)
6.0 Smythe (1 & 1)
PLAYERS USED: 19

Goalscorers

12. J. Nyskohus
9. Barnes
3. Mitchell, Fashanu
2. Northcote, Dods, Jones, Melta
1. Muniz, Muir, Deans
og Cowburn (Newc), Rogers (SM)

APIA-LEICHHARDT

20-26 matches

7.5 Wilson (24)
7.42 O'Connor (26)
7.3 Woodhouse (26)
7.2 Dempsey (21 & 1)
7.0 McGinn (20 & 1)
6.9 Pullen (21 & 1)
6.5 McAusland (24 & 1)

10-19 matches

7.1 Butler (16), Morsello (13 & 5)
6.9 Coyne (14)
6.8 Skellern (16 & 2)
6.4 Drews (4 & 6)
6.2 Pirie (18)
6.0 McKie (8 & 2)

1-9 matches

6.9 Stones (7), O'Donnell (6 & 1)
6.8 Harding (91)
6.7 Samuels (2 & 4)
6.1 Bradley (9)
6.0 Watt (1)
No rating: Gray (0 & 1)
PLAYERS USED: 21

Goalscorers

10. O'Connor
4. Pirie
3. Samuels, Harding
2. Coyne
1. Bradley, McAusland, McKie, Morsello
og Summerscales (Newc)

BLACKTOWN CITY

20-26 matches

7.4 Pointer (22)
7.1 Turnbull (2 & 1)
7.0 Hunter (22)
6.8 Harris (20 & 1)
6.4 Wilkinson (21)
6.3 Hormazabel

10-19 matches

7.7 Freeman (10)
7.4 Cuk (9 & 1)
7.2 Selva (17), James (16)
6.7 O'Donnell (17)
6.6 Izaat (18), Stowell (14)
6.5 Ortega (10 & 1), Pollard (9 & 8)
5.4 Fisher (10 & 3)

1-9 matches

8.0 Charlton (1)
7.5 Dalton (2 & 2)
7.0 Rasmussen (3 & 4), Landon (1), B. Campbell (0 & 1)
6.5 Taylor (2)

SCORERS AND STARS OF '80



Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon heads clear above Canberra's Sebastian Giampaolo.

CANBERRA CITY

20-26 matches

7.86 Milovanovic (21)
7.7 Cole (24)
7.4 J. O'Shea (26), R. O'Shea (22 & 1), Wilson (21)
7.3 Brennan (18 & 51), Giampaolo (17 & 4)
7.2 Moulis (24)
7.1 Maclaren (13 & 7), Byrne (21 & 1)
6.9 Valeri (20 & 5)

10-19 matches

7.7 Stark (17)
7.5 Williams (16 & 1), Farrell (13 & 3)

1-9 matches

7.2 M. O'Shea (6 & 1)
7.0 Brown (1)
6.8 Hoszowski (5)
PLAYERS USED: 17

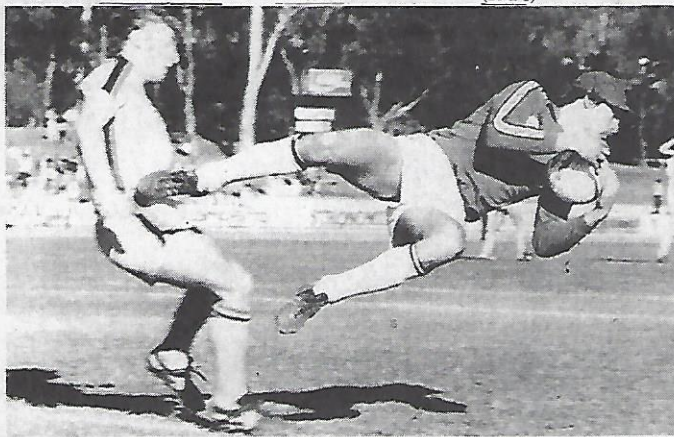
Goalscorers

8. Byrne
7. Valeri, Giampaolo
4. J. O'Shea
3. Maclaren
1. Cole, R. O'Shea, Brennan, Stark
og Utejesenovic (St. G)

FOOTSCRAY J.U.T.

20-26 matches

7.92 Boland (24)
7.5 Kondarios (20 & 1)
7.1 O'Reilly (21), Jovanovic (19 & 2)
7.0 Lujic (26)



Adelaide City goalkeeper Peter Marshall makes a flying save against Newcastle.

10-19 matches

7.3 Banovic (18)
6.7 Taylor (4 & 6)

1-9 matches

7.4 Olver (8)
7.0 Provan (2 & 2)
Yankos (0 & 1)
6.0 Williams (2 & 6)
PLAYERS USED: 16

Goalscorers

21. Cole
15. Paton
6. Campbell
5. Bozikas
4. Yzendoorn
3. Rooney
1. Selemidis

MARCONI

20-26 matches

7.76 Maher (25)
7.4 Byrne (23), Sharne (25)
7.3 Jankovics (25 & 1)
7.1 Prskalo (22), Krncevic (22 & 1)
7.0 Raskopoulos (23 & 1)
6.9 Brogan (21 & 1)

10-19 matches

7.4 Vieri (12 & 3)
7.3 Cant (12 & 2)
7.2 Henderson (15 & 1)
6.9 Mariani (13 & 4), Russell (9 & 2)
6.8 Degney (16)
6.7 Lindsay (7 & 7)
6.3 Muir (14 & 1)

1-9 matches

7.0 Corry (1)
No rating: Selva (0 & 1)
PLAYERS USED: 18

Goalscorers

16. Jankovics
13. Krncevic
8. Sharne
7. Byrne
3. Vieri
2. Mariani
1. Raskopoulos, Lindsay
og Russell (AC) 2

NEWCASTLE KB UTD

7.88 Reaney (26)
7.5 Bertogna (23), Drinkwater (26)
7.3 Curran (23 & 1)
7.2 Tredinnick (18 & 3), Heys (19 & 2)
7.0 Jones (24)
6.9 Mason (19 & 3)

10-19 matches

7.6 Preston (10)
7.4 Dando (16), Senkalski (17 & 1)
7.0 McClelland (9 & 4)
6.9 Cowburn (9 & 1)
6.8 Burrows (11 & 4)
6.7 Sneddon (10 & 4)

1-9 matches

7.0 Kamasz (5 & 4), Wallace (1)
6.9 Trenter (8)
6.6 Summerscales (7 & 1), Deakin (4 & 3)
No rating: H. Tredinnick (0 & 1)
PLAYERS USED: 21

Goalscorers

8. Heys
5. Jones
3. Senkalski, McClelland
2. Drinkwater, Trenter, Tredinnick
1. Curran, Kamasz, Deakin, Mason, Cowburn, Burrows
og Marshall (AC)

STH MELBOURNE

HELLAS

20-26 matches

8.04 V. Bannon (26)
7.7 Lutton (24)
7.6 Campbell (24), Laumets (26), Xanthopoulos (26)
7.2 Evans (24)
7.1 Christopoulos (20 & 1), Rogers (24)
7.0 Buljevic (25), Cummings (21 & 3)

10-19 matches

7.6 Davidson (17)
7.2 Blair (14 & 1)
7.1 Kalafatis (5 & 6)
6.8 Wright (8 & 2)
6.6 Kakantonis (2 & 10)
PLAYERS USED: 15

Goalscorers

10. Buljevic
8. Evans
6. Campbell
5. Cummings
3. Rogers, Christopoulos
2. Xanthopoulos, V. Bannon, Wright
1. Kakantonis



APIA'S Soccerroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

ST. GEORGE BSC

20-26 matches

7.1 Utejesenovic (20)
6.8 Katholos (18 & 3)
6.6 Griffiths (22)
6.5 Duarte (20 & 1)
6.4 McIntosh (25)

10-19 matches

7.3 Russell (14), Stone (16), E. Campbell (14)
7.1 Barton (8 & 4), Fraser (18)

1-9 matches

7.0 Kay (12 & 5)
6.5 Beggs (10 & 4)
6.3 Hadley (9 & 4)
6.2 Terry (17)
6.1 Cotton (11 & 5)

1-9 matches

7.0 Skeen (9), Scharfegger (2), Ververis (2)
6.9 Davies (8)
6.7 Yamine (2 & 1)
6.4 Smith (8)
6.2 Groome (7)
6.0 Gnavi (8 & 1), Fenoughty (0 & 2), Bulloch (0 & 1)

1-9 matches

5.5 Mihajlovic (4)
No rating: R. Fraser (0 & 1)
PLAYERS USED: 27

Goalscorers

11. Duarte
4. Cotton
3. Griffiths, Campbell
Katholos
2. Beggs, Kay, Stone
1. Utejesenovic, Barton

SYDNEY CITY

20-26 matches

8.04 Watson (24 & 2)
7.91 Barnes (23)
7.77 Boden (26)
7.6 Mullen (19 & 3)
7.5 Stevenson (26), O'Connor (21)
7.4 Bruce (24)
7.3 Spanos (23 & 2)
6.6 Souness (14 & 9)

10-19 matches

7.7 Clarke (19), Thomson (11 & 1)
7.2 Trenter (12 & 1)
7.0 Silva (18)
6.9 Smith (11 & 2)

1-9 matches

7.0 Gomez (5)
6.9 Pezzano (7 & 1)
6.5 Borges (2 & 2)
6.0 Patikas (2 & 3)
No rating: Marcus Silva (0 & 6)
PLAYERS USED: 19

Goalscorers

13. Boden
10. Barnes
5. Stevenson
6. Trenter
4. Smith
3. Spanos, Watson
1. Borges, Souness, Mullen, Gomez

WEST ADELAIDE

20-26 matches

8.0 Crook (25)
7.2 Manecas (24)
7.1 Bozanic (26)
7.0 Topolanaki (22 & 1), Honeyman (26)
6.9 McGregor (24 & 1)
6.6 Kosmina (23)

10-19 matches

7.1 Carruthers (16 & 2)
7.0 Tymczyszczyn (10 & 2)
6.8 McKie (11 & 2)
6.6 Forde (16)
6.5 Norris (18)
6.2 Maricic (16 & 2)

1-9 matches

8.0 Gale (1)
7.0 Doorne (2 & 2)
6.8 Doulianos (6 & 2), Atsalas (4 & 2)
6.5 McGachey (6), Pantaras (2)
6.3 Totsikas (3 & 1), Key (3 & 1)
6.0 Lorenzoni (1 & 2), Boyle (1)
PLAYERS USED: 23

Goalscorers

6. Manecas
5. Kosmina
3. Honeyman
1. Atsalas, Koulianos, McGachey, Bozanic, Norris, Topolanaki, Key, Tymczyszczyn, Forde,
og Stowell (Blacktown).

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TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is "Soccer Action's 1980 Team of the Year based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position are also shown. Voting averages are indicated. Only players who were rated in a minimum of 20 games have been included.

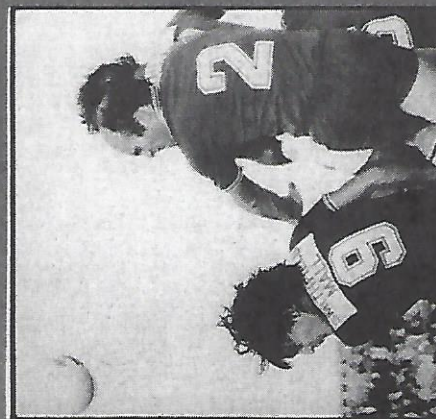


Martyn CROOK (8.0)
(West Adelaide)
7.91 Boland (Footsc)
7.76 Maher (Marc)

Last year's team of the year:

Steve PERRY (Brisb. City)	Ivo PRSKALO (Marconi)	George POTTER (Brisb. City)	Col CURRAN (Newcastle)
Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)	Jimmy ROONEY (Heidelberg)	Mark JANKOVICS (Marconi)	Mark JANKOVICS (Marconi)
Ken BODEN (Newcastle)	Branko BULJEVIC (Heidelberg)	Zdravko LUJIC (Footscray)	

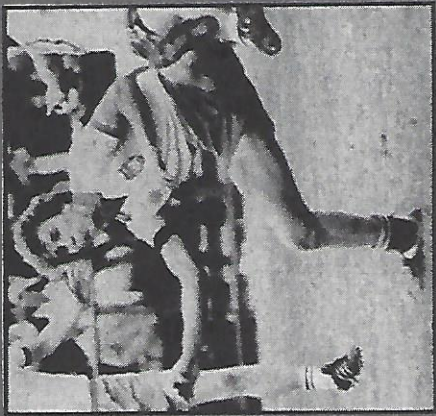
1978 team of the year: Crook (WAd), B. Nyakohia (Adel. C), Perry (Brisb C), Kambas (W. Ad), Degney (Marc), Boyle (W. Ad), McGeehey (W. Ad), Vee (Marc), Sharpe (Marc), Bradon (Newcl), Lunic (Footsc), Reynolds (WAd), Richards (Marc), Barnes (Syd C), Rooney (Marc), Hermiston (Bris C), Wilson (West Subs), Reynolds (WAd), Richards (Marc), Barnes (Syd C), Rooney (Marc), Hermiston (Bris C), Smith (Syd C), Buljevic (H'berg).



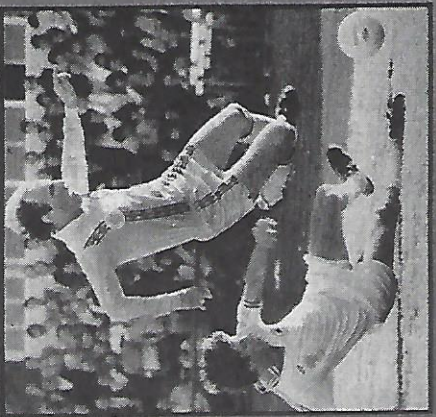
Vince BANNON (8.04)
(Sth Melb.)
7.78 Reaney (News) 7.66
7.82 Ontong (BL) 7.66



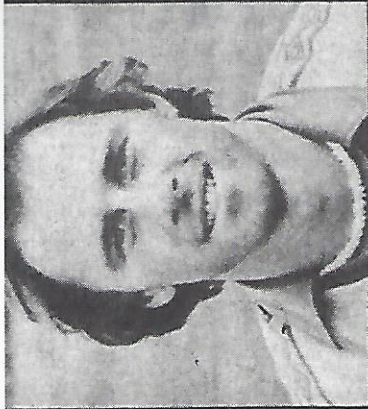
Jim HERMISTON (8.3)
(Brisb. Lions)
7.66 Yzendoorn (H'berg)
7.66 Lutton (Sth Melb)



Mike MILOVANOVIC (7.85)
(Canberra C)
7.84 Ratcliffe (BL)
7.76 Bennett (BL)



Jim TANSEY (7.66)
(Heidelberg)
7.5 Niven (BL)
7.4 Bruce (SC)



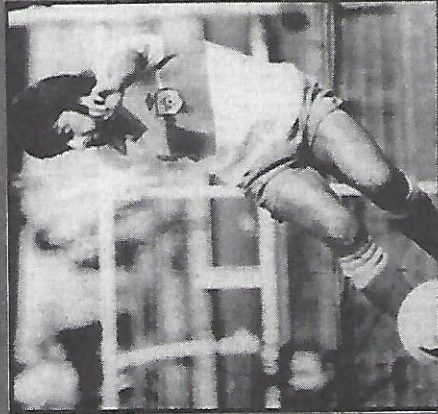
Duncan
COLE (7.7)
(Canberra C)
7.59 Rooney (H'berg)
7.434 G. Byrne (Marc)



Jim
CAMPBELL (7.76)
(Heidelberg)
7.56 Muniz (Adel C)
7.43 Hogg (BL) 7.38



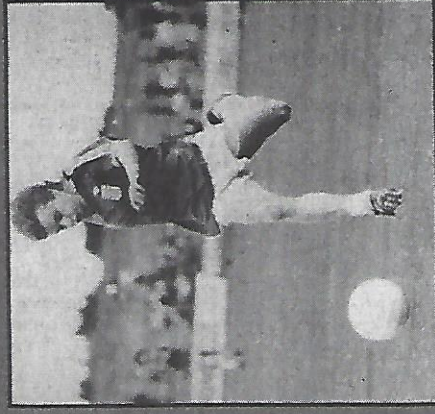
Murray
BARNES (7.91)
(Sydney City)
7.5 Stevenson (SC)
J. O'Shea (Can)



Joe
WATSON (8.04)
(Sydney City)
7.5 G. Cole (H'berg)
7.21 Manecas (W. Ad)



Ken
BODEN (7.76)
(Sydney City)
7.6 Paton (H'berg)
7.3 Jankovics (Marc)



George
CAMPBELL (7.62)
(Sth Melbourne)
7.42 O'Connor (APIA)
7.36 Sharne (Marc)



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Double for Heights

Sunshine Heights scored a major victory for sport in the west, recording a winning double during the Victorian Cup finals at Brighton.

U/11 Sunshine Heights 2 — Fawkner 1. The Sunshine boys were well on top in this game, but missed many chances through being over anxious. The Heights boys drew first blood through a well taken penalty kick by Andrew Marth. The player put many good shots. Some deserved better fate. John Markovski broke through with a great shot to make it 2-0. David Galea in goal was having a good game for Heights. From one of his good saves, he was unlucky to drop the ball behind the goal line. Sunshine dominated most of the second half, Boris Basinski, hit the post, but missed two other easy chances. I. Markovski, three times had shots blocked by the Fawkner keeper. Best: A. Marth, D. Galea, M. Risteski, J. Papaminal.

U/12 A Sunshine Heights 1 — Knox City 0. This was a hard-fought game with neither side deserving to lose. Sunshine scored when a combination of passes between Andrew Galea and Mathew Saliba ended with the latter scoring a beautiful goal. Previous to that, Leo Krol in the Heights goal, made an acrobatic save, turning a strong shot for a corner. Knox City were piling on the pressure, and in one of their attacks Krol saved, with Knox City hitting the bar from the rebound. A. Galea and M. Saliba got Heights into attack but defenders John Scerri, Rob Dragovic and Jeff Ryan were standing. In the second half D. Smith and a good shot blocked for corner, but most of the time, the entire Heights team fought well to earn a Victory for the West. Best: A. Galea, D. Smith, J. Ryan, R. Dragovic.



Croydon wins thrilling final

Croydon City won the 1980 Victorian under-16 Cup after a tense battle against Makedonia which went into extra time before Croydon's Gary Ferguson scored the decisive goal for a 4-3 win.

With 10 minutes of normal time left Croydon led 2-0 through goals by Martin Camp and Guy Bekker but Makedonia fought back and scored twice in the dying moments to force the match into extra time.

Makedonia took the lead in the first half of extra time but a Rick van Buul goal and Ferguson's winner sealed Makedonia's fate.

Pictured: Croydon City's under-16's, back row: M. Wilson, R. Sisona, R. van Buul, L. Savel, G. Ferguson, G. Bekker. Middle row: K. Kontra (coach), M. Kerr, I. Harper, H. Meyer, D. Yates, J. van Buul (team manager). Front row: M. Camp, D. Bishop (captain), G. Long, S. Weatherstone.

Calling all youth stars!

Victorian youth coach Bill Curran is looking for players to try out for the State under 18 team. Players born on or after 1 August 1963 can ring Bill on 534 4304.

Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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4. Date of game.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Malcolm McStay, 15 (Morwell Pegasus), Rohan Booth, 10, four goals, Antony Smith, 9, four goals, Mathew Duffy, 6, Gavin Sambell, 7 (Skye Rovers); Duncan McQuill, 13 (Port Fairy); S. Taslos, 13, Cor. Dinkopoulos, 13 (Sh. Melb Hellas); Franco Lelva, 8, four goals (Sandringham).

Simic's transfer to pay off soon

J.U.S.T.'s 19-year-old forward Paul Simic reckons Cedo Cirkovic is an integral part of a successful J.U.S.T. side and the youngster remembers the boost in confidence he received when training under Cirkovic in 1979.

He still played for the under-16's but it wasn't enough because he had his sights set on gaining senior selection for Makedonia.

"I was told that my relegation to substitute was temporary, to give another youngster a go," said Simic.



Paul Simic

"But after my J.U.S.T. on the bench I played against Hakoah in the next game and I did well, yet I was told the next week that I was on the bench again and I realised that I would never get a fair go so I made up my mind to move."

Simic was undecided about his future as he was torn between transferring to J.U.S.T. or to Provisional League club Carlton Serbia.

"A friend of mine, Danny Acevski, was at J.U.S.T. and he talked me into joining him. Danny had played with the Makedonia reserves for a year before realising that there was little future for him there."

"I was sorry to leave my friends at Makedonia but when I saw what little future I had there I just had to move away."

"Every youngster wants to make the first team and if there is no hope for him he has to go."

"Just look at Makedonia's present first team. Not one player has come up through the junior ranks," said Simic. The youngster's move pleased his father, a life-long J.U.S.T. fan, and Simic now feels at home with J.U.S.T. as he strives to become a regular in the first team.

"If I ever leave J.U.S.T. it will be the finish of my effort to establish myself at the highest club level in Australia," he said.

Simic played most of this season in J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team with the majority of his PSL experiences confined to the substitutes' bench.

"You wouldn't believe the difference between Second Division and the PSL because the PSL is so much faster and classier."

"It takes quite a few games to become adjusted to the large gap between the leagues and it doesn't help when you are expected to be substitute until the last 20 minutes, then come on and perform miracles."

Simic's development has been built around constant practice of ball skills, mainly at the urging of his older brother Mike.

"When I was younger I spent many hours with Mike, learning a particular skill and practising a movement time and time again."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

READERS' FORUM

Cut the PSL in half

SIR, — With the present season grinding to a close, I am urged to write to "Soccer Action" to voice my opinions and fears about what is happening to our game and about its immediate future as one of the football codes in Australia. In taking stock, my views and comments may be shared by the diminishing number of fans who, while not being committed to any one club, are still active followers of the game.

In not wishing to detract from the reporting of your lead writers, Mike Johnson, Rale Rasic and Laurie Schwab, or the other well-meaning soccer scribes attached to the national newspapers, their reports carry little impact to any but the totally convinced.

They are neither known nor read by the general English-speaking public. A splash of star-billing added to sensationalism and controversy sell papers, something sadly lacking at the moment. As any worthy businessman will tell you, the power of the media, be it TV, radio or the Press, will have even a greater influence on all our lives during the 1980's.

Firstly a few hard facts:

1. We must accept that for now and in the immediate future, all players with our premier league clubs (I will call it the Australian Soccer League, with Phillips becoming disenchanted with lack of response to their sponsorship) are only part-timers; so too are club administrators. Therefore we can only expect part-time performances and presentation.
2. Even the best-supported clubs in all States cannot at present command attendances that average in excess of 5000 per match.
3. State League competitions will never again attract the support they had in the sixties and early seventies. Perhaps Queensland has found the proper solution, but theirs must be a costly project and to sustain its impact long-term,

while State Government assistance.

4. The obvious lack of harmony between the ASF, most State Federations and our 'acquired' marketers in setting positive directives and policies.

What are our main objectives, immediate and long-term?

The immediate are two-fold. Both involve restructuring to meet the needs of the two major tournaments that will involve Australia over the next 24 months.

Firstly qualification to the World Cup final rounds in Spain in 1982, and secondly a totally professional presentation of the 1981 world youth Cup, where Australia will be under the clinical eye of the Australian public and the world at large.

The long-term objective must be the structuring of competitions throughout the States that gives all clubs a similar chance of progress.

This progress 'tree' should grow from juniors, schools and universities, through the local amateur leagues, the State Leagues to the pinnacle of the Australian League.

I see the actions needed in meeting these objectives as being —

- Shorten the Phillips Australian Soccer League season by reducing the competition to two divisions of 10 clubs each.
- This can be best achieved by relegating the bottom four teams from the present league and supplementing them with six new clubs to form a Division 2. The six new applicants must be thoroughly screened, with emphasis placed more on sound management, ground facilities and potential spectator appeal rather than on so-called 'big name' star player promises or the financial influence of club officers.
- Here I envisage that the net must be spread wider, since it is highly doubtful that Sydney or Melbourne could sustain more than five clubs in each centre within the two divisions.
- Certainly Wollongong and Tasmanian club side are a must, but what about a club team from WA where at

second to none facilities and given some measure of success could command attendances comparable with some of the current PSL clubs.

I see this proposal as concentrating the best teams and the best players in the top division. Two-up, two-down will ensure greater interest overall and a better chance of spectator appeal.

With our heavy commitment to the World Cup qualification, the thought of summer soccer must be shelved until 1983 at the earliest, if ever. An analysis of attendances at either early season matches in March or in mid and late October would indicate that soccer does not hold any more attraction at these times than in the winter months. Moreover the lack of proper floodlight facilities at most grounds makes such a proposition unmanageable at the moment.

I would advocate that the shortened season commences with a two-legged (alternate home and away) knock-out League Cup competition involving only the 20 league clubs during April, to be followed by the 18-week league competitions from May through to mid-September, interspersed by early rounds of our version of the English FA Cup (see weekend dates, please, from now on) involving more local State League teams. Later rounds of this competition can then play in September after the league competitions and climaxing with the final on the first weekend in October.

This date must be fixed so that it becomes as traditional as the FA Cup final (the first Saturday in May).

A neutral ground must be the permanent venue for the show-piece game, either the Sydney Cricket Ground or Olympic Park, Melbourne, providing this venue is not the home ground of one of the league teams.

This date would not clash with the grand finals of the other football codes which could help media saturation around Australia, eventuating in direct telecasting of the 'big day' to other States.

The top-four competition

no real interest in this non-event!

I believe this shorter season will benefit all concerned. With both championships and relegation at stake, interest would be maintained. It will also allow more time for the national squad to group at training camps and place less strain on the work commitments of our part time players.

A separate committee, independent of the ASF would be sole administrators of the major two-division league and the League Cup, whose tasks would include a decision by vote of the fortune of the bottom pair each season seeking re-election.

The Australian Soccer Cup (our equivalent to the FA Cup), international and interstate matches would still come under the direct control of the ASF, with close liaison with State Federations.

Crowds on the terraces are the very life-blood of any professional or semi-professional sport.

The Australian Soccer League matches would normally need to be held on Sundays, with State Leagues generally held on Saturdays (usually a Soccer Pools requirement) to eliminate unnecessary rivalry for attracting spectators.

Exceptions would always have to be considered where a particular centre has two or more local clubs.

Here home fixture clashes must be avoided by using Saturdays, or Friday or Saturday evenings if proper floodlight facilities at the home team's venue exist, enabling each centre to 'double up' on spectator appeal to the top league games.

It is accepted that the majority of the present top sides have a reliance on a hard core of between 1500 and 3500 supporters, then there is a need to increase the numbers of 'floating' patrons — very few indeed at the moment!

I count myself among these 'floaters', most of whom I have established are like myself — ex-players usually of British or Northern European descent, seeking only to watch

tralian-born, who at present feel alienated attending most soccer grounds, yet admit to watching 'Match of the Day' each week.

Moreover some early research must be undertaken on ways to commute the few fanatical fans around the various centres to away games. This season I have observed supporters of Brisbane City, Canberra City, Marconi and naturally Newcastle following their team at grounds in other cities. These are the fans the top clubs should consider first and foremost in the hope that their numbers will grow sufficiently so that regular travel by charter bus or air at a cheap package cost would be attractive.

Certainly no player can perform at his peak in front of empty terraces and his and the team's performances are hampered by crowd support and reaction.

Here club management is much at fault. Most do precious little to capture the interest of the non-committed. Programmes with players' pen-pictures are a must; so too is the club's fixture list for the season. It is most frustrating watching a visiting team's outstanding players not being absolutely certain who they are!

Additionally, PA systems used at most grounds border on the hopeless. All announcements should be in English, the language the majority can understand.

Publicity officers, like those employed by Heidelberg United, are a must in selling the club and the game. All areas of the media must be kept in the forefront of club events, team selection and corporate decisions within the club. Surely the clubs can learn from Australian Rules in adopting simple marketing ploys that place their clubs and their players in the limelight.

Finally a word on market strategies. A major Australian (emphasis on Australian) marketing consultant must be engaged to research and evaluate possible penetration; where, when and by whom. In this regard I believe not enough is done by our top play-

part timers, they must start to market themselves, endorse products and pay lip service to social welfare, i.e. the Phillips. Even the sponsorship of professional agents would need to be considered.

The formation of an Australian-wide Soccer Players' Union would certainly assist, not only in the varied aspects of marketing, but in contracts, transfers, minimum wage, financial assistance and re-deployment.

Long-term sponsorship by leading commercial concerns must be undertaken. Leading finance corporations, banks, insurance companies, large manufacturing firms, mining consortiums should be approached. Household names as sponsors all adds to publicity for our game. However, each possible outlet must be fully vetted, if only to avoid the embarrassment of one leading Sydney club almost found itself in through the collapse of VIP Insurance.

In conclusion, unless there is a concerted effort to formulate a proper and acceptable administration policy and to correctly structure competitions, then the strides taken in the mid-seventies have been wasted. It will need a great deal of searching and compromise by all factors within the game if we are to get it right. After all that is what the players are trying to do each week!

— PETER SANINNO, Caulfield, Vic.

Stop fining amateurs

SIR, — After months of campaigning for a, no fines for amateur players rule to be brought into the VSF constitution, and running into a brick wall and non-committal so-called officials, I was hoping to get some public support through "Soccer Action".

I don't know if the VSF has any idea of how many young and old players they turn off the game by these ridiculous fines. I have lost two top up-and-coming players, both 19, because of the VSF's grab-money-at-all-costs attitude.

the district league, sometimes called the 'rag and bone league' for the shabby way clubs are treated. The reason most players play district soccer is that they work on Saturdays to make money, so losing money on Sundays doesn't appeal to many of them.

Ian Cochrane and Jimmy Currell two of the top young players at North Melbourne this year, will be quitting at the end of our game this year. I've been building the team I've around youth and I've never been happier coaching a team with so much young talent. Yet in a fit of madness the VSF knock the guts out of my enthusiasm by taking \$45 from young kids whose only crime has been playing soccer with a lot of untidiness and inexperience. In both cases its been their first send-off.

Surely the only punishment for a player who plays for the love of the game should be suspension. After all, they are delinquents not madmen, especially in the District League.

I have written to FIFA and I'm still waiting for a reply regarding the fining of amateurs. I was hoping the "action" might find out how many clubs or players feel the fining of amateurs is holding the game back; on get a quote from somebody at "Soccer House" if there's anybody there. The only quote I could get was from a leading soccer identity who says, and I quote: "They have a staff of six in Soccer House and they have other commitments. They've got to make money somehow."

Well, if this is the case, why don't they get off their backsides and promote some games? I don't generate some worthwhile sponsorship, but for heavens' sake stop robbing the kids and the battlers in the game.

I've been around enough state league players to know that very few if any pay their fines, so come on, "Soccer Action", live up to your name and let's do something for the game. I've been in touch with 14 amateur sports of all kinds and none of their disciplinary measures include money fines to individuals.

— JOHN "SHOCKER"



**RALE
RASIC**

Chile, Hungary, Yugoslavia and now Kiwis

I hope you all settled back and had a good belly-laugh when you read last week that Australia wouldn't be playing New Zealand after all.

That match was to have been played on 24 September at the request of New Zealand but the ASF turned it down because it would clash with league fixtures.

Then came the news that both countries had agreed to play on 29 October.

At first the venue was uncertain but then it was announced that Melbourne would play host.

Last week we heard that the New Zealand Federation had called off the game after its national team had lost 0-4 and 0-3 to Canada on its tour.

How can such things happen between countries which pride themselves on the so-called progress they are making in sport? It seems to me they have no respect for each other whatsoever.

But it goes further than just the New Zealand game, of course. Remember those games that we were supposed to have had against Chile, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Scotland and Real Madrid?

I extend my sincere congratulations to

Sydney on having won the 1980 Phillips League championship and on once again having shown itself to be the steadiest and most consistent team Australia had had in the past 10 years.

However, I was disappointed to read in an article by Brian Corran in the "Sydney Morning Herald" after Sydney City's match against Adelaide City in the second-last round, statements which simply weren't true.

The article was an interview with Sydney City's manager David Childs, who had not been at the match. Mr Childs claimed Murray Barnes had been sent off apparently because he kicked his team mate Kevin Muller (curious indeed). The fact is however, that Muller was sitting on the bench when Barnes was sent off and that Barnes's clash had been with Glen Dods.

It's time this type of hogwash stopped. I said to Sydney City boss Andrew Lederer before the game that there was no way Sydney City could win, as Adelaide City was playing top football towards the end of the season. We won fairly and squarely, so there should have been no attempt at making excuses.

In his excellent "Soccer Action" column a few weeks ago, Mike Johnson claimed in his analysis of Australia's top 10 coaches that I

have a tendency to spend heavily on the transfer market to buy success.

The fact is, that over my 13 years of management, with six clubs, I have spent only \$80,000 on transfers.

And during that period, the clubs concerned made a total of \$117,000 on transfers — a profit of \$37,000.

Here is the breakdown:
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Bought no players.
MELBOURNE: Bought no players.
ST GEORGE: Bought Jack Reilly for \$5000 which was recouped when he was sold to Hakoah (Vic) and Doug Utjesenovic for \$5000 — not a bad price for a player who has given 10 years' service.

MARCONI: Over five years spent \$44,000 and got \$71,000 back. Players bought: Peter Wilson and Max Tolson, Mark Jankovics, Peter Ollerton, Stuart Selva, plus Brajkovic, Carrizo, Kinnell and Ernie Campbell. In addition, Prskalo and Vieri came from overseas.

Ollerton cost \$8000 but the money came back when he went to Footscray. Selva was signed free and sold to Blacktown for \$8000. Mark Jankovics cost \$7500 and according to Mike Johnson's calculations he now is worth \$50,000.

At Pan Hellenic I invested only \$10,000 on three players — Timman, Rudic and Ilic and got Gnani at no cost from overseas. Gnani was sold later to St George for about \$9000.

At Adelaide City I invested \$16,000 on Russell, Kent and Jones and the club got back \$32,500 from the sale of other players.

Isn't it curious that the Phillips Cup semi-final between Adelaide City and Heidelberg was decided on penalties yet when the Cup final finished in a draw, it was decided to have a replay?

I wonder why some leading soccer-minded papers were not invited to the recent Press conference about the Phillips League grand final. Do only the papers that write the "right" stories get such invitations?

Well done, Newcastle. Its match against Singapore in 25 October will be televised in Newcastle on 25 October.

Ron Smith top coach, double to Hermiston

By BRUCE WADDELL

Jim Hermiston had made it a double by being voted Queensland's Player of the Year by that State's branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The awards were announced last Friday night at the Association's presentation night at Perry Park. Guest speaker was Australian Soccer Federation marketing head, Rik Booth.

Hermiston, who earlier had captured the 1980 "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award, won in a close vote from Brisbane City Soccer, Steve Perry.

But Hermiston won because it was felt his club form at Brisbane Lions was far superior to that of any other player in Queensland this year.

The Press acknowledged Perry's continual selection in the national side by presenting him with a special recognition trophy.

Other players to receive votes in the Player of the Year award were Paul Ontong and Ron Millman (Brisbane Lions) and David Ratcliff (Brisbane City).

Hermiston won the Player of the Year award in Queensland in 1977, Perry

followed in 1978 and George Potter won last year.

Former Brisbane City PSL midfielder, Brian Kibbey, won the State League Player of the Year award. Votes for this were supplied weekly by soccer writers around the State and Kibbey won by one vote from Mareeba United's young star, Paul Trovalusci.

Kibbey has played for Bundaberg club across the waves during the first two seasons of the Queensland State League.

Trovalusci earned consolation by being named the league's best and fairest player in an award conducted each year by the Brisbane "Courier-Mail".

Trovalusci, who also won a trophy for being the league's leading striker with 15 goals from 18 matches, looks certain to play for Brisbane Lions next year.

Dave Nugent, who spent most of the season controlling PSL matches, was named Referee of the Year.

And in a surprise, Queensland Director of Coaching, Ron Smith was named Coach of the Year.

The State League honors were shared evenly and there was no clear-cut

contender among Grange Thistle's George Pagan (whose team won the grand final), Mt Gravatt's Fred Robins (State League championship) and Townsville United's Tim White (Ampol Cup).

Smith emerged the winner after leading Queensland to its first success in the national under-16 championships in Canberra.

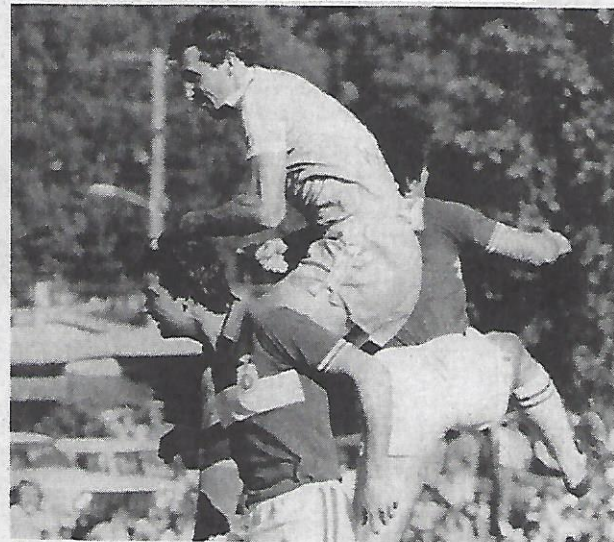
He also went close with the Under-19's in the national youth titles, just missing out on the semi-finals after his team was defeated in the lead-up games.

And Smith was also in charge of the Queensland team which produced a splendid 2-2 draw with Milan earlier this season.

Brisbane City's Barry Kelso did not attend the function to receive a trophy for being Queensland's leading PSL goalscorer.

Kelso had been under tremendous pressure leading up to the final relegation-saving match against Canberra City, and said he had broken down after the game.

He added he could not bare to have anything more to do with soccer this year and wanted a complete break. After being asked if he would continue with City, he said he had not given the matter any thought.



Queensland's top PSL scorer, Barry Kelso climbs high above Marconi opponents to head goalwards.



Our picture of the week was taken by E.C. Almiron of 2 Shorts Rd., Coburg, Vic., 3058. It shows Jorge Rubio scoring a penalty for Hotham United against Clayton goalkeeper Robin Hoodst.

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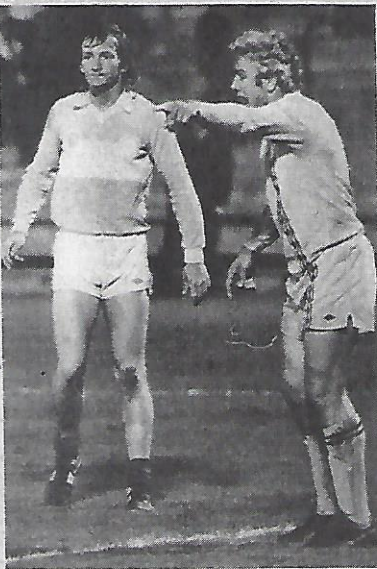
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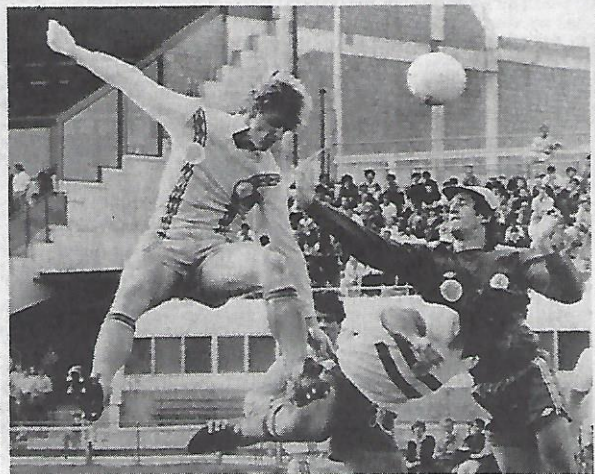
The Hakoah Reserves which won the Victorian Armstrong Cup and the State League Reserves championship.



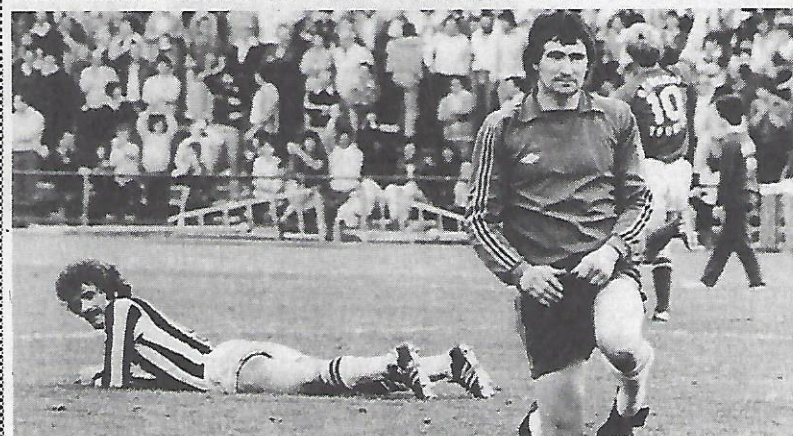
Heidelberg stalwart Paddy Bannon (right) points and screams out instructions as his Sydney City opponent Mark Trenter looks a little worse for wear.



Canberra's former Australian international left back Harry Williams (left) slide tackles West Adelaide's Manecas but Williams's team mate John O'Shea has won the ball.



Heidelberg and Australian striker Gary Cole (left) heads powerfully as Brisbane Lions' keeper Nigel Lownds falls to punch clear. Lions' central defender Col Bennett seems to be ducking for cover.



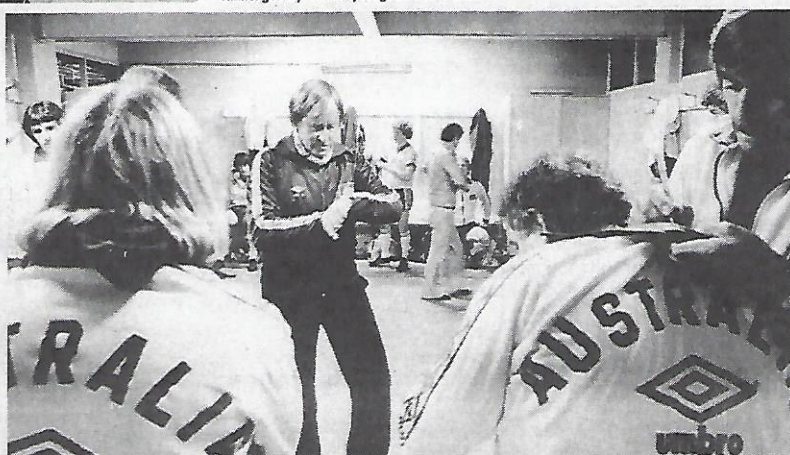
Another goal to Croatia in the final of 1980 Victorian Dockerty Cup. At left is fallen Juventus defender Alex Nelson and Juventus keeper Jack Reilly looks displeased also. The only happy figure in the picture is Croatia's Carl Gilder, saluting the crowd. Picture: LES SHORROCK



The old and the new of the PSL. At left is Newcastle left back Col Curran about to be challenged by Hellas youngster Steve Blair.



Experienced George Cross defender Norm Maitland (left) prepares to challenge for a cross against Sunshine's Rob Nelson.



National team coach Rudi Gutendorf checks his watch inside the Olympic Park dressing rooms. The countdown has begun before Australia's clash with Mexico which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP

MAKEDONIA



BACK: Kire Risteovski (first aid officer); John Branov (president); Gordon Flavell (from Scotland, 1979); Gary Ward (from England, 1979); John Higham (from England, 1979); Lou Kestner (from Kellor Austria, 1979); Peter Orlerton (from J.U.S.T., 1980); Stuart Cunningham (from Scotland, 1979); Brian Edgley (coach); Nick Bashov (team manager).
RIGHT: Rob Cullen (from George Cross, 1979); Steve Beech (from England, 1978); Mike Ridd (from Hilson, 1979); Gary McMillan (from Azur, Perth, 1978); Luba Petrovski (from Hilson, 1978); Damiela (from Juniors); Jeff Faulkner (from England, 1978); Claude Lucchesi (from Juventus, 1978).

Makedonia was formed in 1967 but had to wait until 1961 to gain its first major honour — the Second Division South title. The club's list of credits are impressive: Metro First Division Second in 1966; 75; Metro Second Division champion 1973; Federation Cup winner 1973, 74; Cumberland Cup Winner 1975; State League champion 1990. With its league triumph this year the club has gained the momentum which it hopes will take it into the 1991 PSL. Makedonia's application for PSL membership is backed by the club's extensive plans to provide seating for 1500 to 2000 spectators and cover for 1500 to 2000 at Connor Reserve. An excellent social club will be officially opened on 17 October on land owned by one of the club's companies, PMSC Makedonia Holdings Pty. Ltd.



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QUIEN MAL ANDA... MAL ACABA... UN CLASICO TRISTE Y SIN FINAL.

El pasado domingo se pretendió hacer jugar un partido de fútbol a los equipos del WEST MELBOURNE S.C. y BURNLEY S.C. lamentablemente por estar bajo los efectos de una serie de antibióticos antipalúdicos, NO PUDIMOS estar presentes, y poder dar a Uds. una verdadera y real versión de lo ocurrido. HAY RESPONSABLES, que no son los jugadores, y que lamentablemente por no haber estado presente NO PODIMOS NOMBRAR.

Por eso, mas que una cronica este es un mensaje a los JUGADORES.

El partido fue abandonado a los 20 minutos del segundo tiempo, cuando el BURNLEY ganaba 2 a 1. Un jugador español, fue expulsado y al negarse a abandonar el campo, luego de haberse retirado, HAY RESPONSABLES, que no son los jugadores, y que lamentablemente por no haber estado presente NO PODIMOS NOMBRAR.

Todos los jugadores de AMBOS EQUIPOS, nos han manifestado que en ese campo NO DEBERIA HABERSE JUGADO, y que ese partido tampoco tenia ninguna razon de ser. Cuando preguntamos y porque han jugado...???, las respuestas son imposibles de reproducir algunas por lo fuerte y otras por lo evasivas. En decir, los jugadores, ahora que todo a terminado SE DAN CUENTA QUE FRENTE A LA OPINION PUBLICA son ellos los RESPONSABLES. Y a los cuales se les ha de colgar una vez mas el San Benito de "esos del futbol siempre se pelean".

RECIBEN AHORA SE DAN CUENTA. Ahora que es tarde.

No haber estado presente, nos elimina como para poder hacer luz y aclarar A QUIEN HAY QUE HACER RESPONSA ELLE, de haberse jugado Y PORQUE. Pero, en este caso ca da uno de los jugadores, puede hacer un examen de conciencia. EN LA MAYORIA DE LAS INSTITUCIONES, el futbol se juega como "UN MAL NECESARIO", y sin duda son mas los que estan en contra que a favor. Eso el JUGADOR lo debe saber, PARA NO DEJARSE USAR.

AL FUTBOL, hay que jugar, DONDE SE DEBE, CUANDO SE DEBE Y BAJO LAS GARANTIAS NECESARIAS. Solo asi, el prestigio de los jugadores ha de ser respetado, porque HOY SON LOS NOMBRES DE LOS JUGADORES y no de los responsables, los que estan en la picota del publico. Un publico que esta mas para destruir, que para otra cosa.

LOS JUGADORES del BURNLEY y del WEST MELBOURNE, han aprendido una leccion. Los 22, son los "chicos emisarios" de algo que no se debia haber hecho, y se hizo, porque LOS JUGADORES no han sabido darse su lugar. Se equivocaron, es inutil que SOCCER ACTION escriba 100 paginas sobre Uds. si Uds., los propios jugadores NO SABEN HACERSE RESPETAR.

Porque los queremos de verdad, no importa la camiseta que vistien, vamos a estar juntos el viernes 21 de noviembre, pueda ser que despues de esa noche, Uds. los propios jugadores, entiendan mucho mas, que es respeto y que es "dejarlos usar". UN ABRAZO A TODOS y a los 22 del domingo pasado, olvidense y pronto LA CULPA NO ES DE USDEDES....

PELIGRO DEL GOL AWARD 1980; Ha quedado definitivamente establecido que la espectacular SALA EUROPA de ANGELUCCI RECEPTION CENTRE, ubicada en WALPOLE ST. KEW, ha de ser el marco ideal para la gran noche del futbol, el proximo VIERNES, 21 de Noviembre, a partir de las 8 p.m. Se estan finalizando los ultimos detalles en cuanto a los invitados especiales, personalidad des del deporte y artistas, teniendo en cuenta que quienes entreguen los Award, han de justificar ampliamente esta distincion. El proximo viernes en el Restaurant EL BODEGON en FITZROY los Secretarios de cada uno de los equipos WEST MELBOURNE, BURNLEY, HOTHAM UNITED

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En el ambiente futbolero, ya han comenzado las apuestas, quienes seran los ganadores de los PELIGRO DE GOL AWARD 1980... por cada equipo saldrán tres jugadores con el CERTIFICADO, uno de los tres ha de ser el ganador del AWARD 1980, POR CADA EQUIPO...

Resulta que los jugadores de Reserva, juzgados por el Comité de Futbol de cada Club y la Direccion Tecnica, tambien UNO POR EQUIPO, tendra su premio...

Sera cierto que TONY ALVAREZ, el actor espanol que interpreta al cantor AGUSTIN MAGALDI, ha de ser uno de los invitados...

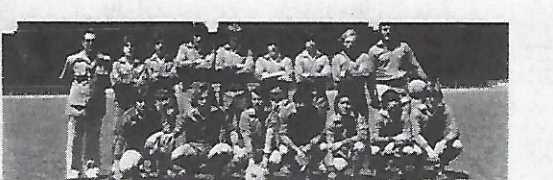
Ademas la proxima semana se han de saber los tres nombres, QUE RECIBIRAN UN HOMENAJE ESPECIAL, por sus servicios al FUTBOL, en Australia, habra lagrimas y mas de una SORPRESA, ninguno de los tres NI SIQUERA IMAGINA DE QUE SE TRATA....

NICO ANTELM y su show SATISFACCION, seran la cuota bai lable de la Gran Noche de Futbol, en ANGELUCCI....

Las señoritas, solteras y otras en estado incierto, tendran para elegir, se imaginan, MENOS CALLE, JARA, RUIZ LA GRECCA, TODOS LOS DEMAS SON SOLTEROS....

RUIZ, MOYANO, NAVARRO, LETRAN, CHICHO LOPEZ, GRANDE, BILLOTTA, noooo, esos no... y algunos otro tampoco.....

Se supo que don ORLANDO INVERNIZZI, alquilo un llamito vo smokin, y llevara clavete celeste a la solapa... Danton Roussou, el delegado del HOTHAM UNITED, esta mandando clases de baile, el 21 los mato.....



Burnley S.C., in the historic final of the District Cup at Olympic Park.

y WEST BRUNSWICK, se han de reunir con los organizadores a los efectos de comenzar la venta de las tarjetas y servir de coordinadores con cada uno de los equipos. Por otra parte, tres gratisimas sorpresas han de ser conocidas en forma oficial, dichas sorpresas han de contribuir a que la noche del Viernes 21 tome un caracter de inolvidable y por la jerarquia a alcanzar, sin duda, a de contribuir a marcar, todo un nivel. La proxima semana, en forma amplia se dara a publico la blicidad todo lo relacionado a la Gran Noche y desde ese momento todo a de comenzar a vivir el clima tan especial, nombres, posibilidades, y todo cuanto merecen nuestros JUGADORES DE FUTBOL.

Basic to stay?

Affable Rale Basic may remain with Adelaide City for the 1981 season.

A group of City supporters are willing to put up the money to keep him in Adelaide.

A strain on City's finances appeared to end Basic's successful two year association with the club.

But this new bid could overcome that problem.

However the success of the plan won't be known for a few weeks yet.

In an interview in "The News", Basic said: "It's nice to know you are wanted, and that you are appreciated, but at this stage I can't commit myself to anything here or interstate."

"And let me make it clear I have no complaints about the club or the committee since I've been here."

"Every promise has been kept and no-one has interfered with my running of the team."

Basic said he had received offers from interstate clubs but it was an inappropriate time to talk about them.

He will remain in Adelaide until the end of the year so his children can complete their school year.

"By then we should know what our plans will be for next year," he said.

Basic has been linked with Canberra, Sydney Olympic, Marconi and APIA.

FINISH

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Barnes 63rd) WEST ADELAIDE 0. Crowd 2,900.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 9 - Mehta 7, Jones 8, Parin 8, B. Nicholson 7, Russell 7, Muniz (Signore 48th), Marochi 7, Northcott 8, J. Nyakohus 7, Barnes 8.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9, Tymczyszyn 8, Topaz 7, Forde 7, Bozanic 8, McGeehay 8, Norris 6, Honeyman 6 (Marlic 48th), McGregor 7, Kosmina 6, Manecas 7.

Adelaide City further emphasised West Adelaide's troubled season with a 1-0 win in the second leg of the Essort Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The victory gave City a 2-0 aggregate win.

The first leg was played mid-season at Olympic Sports Field.

West won the Cup in 1978 when the competition, played exclusively between the two sides, began, while City beat West 5-2 over the two legs last year.

The loss was a cruel blow to West which played very well until the 61st minute when Colin Barnes scored the solitary goal after he robbed Manecas of the ball and fired a good shot from inside the penalty area.

In the first half Peter Marshall stopped two certain goals within minutes after Vic Bozanic and Ian McGregor looked like breaking through.

While Marshall was in spectacular form early, Martyn Crook matched him at the other end with several brilliant saves.

In a season in which little went right for his team, Crook can be very happy with his efforts.

He must surely be in the Soccerist squad which leaves next month on the world tour.

The pity is that Marshall played well but will miss out, yet quite clearly, he is a notch above Leichhardt's Greg Woodhouse.

While City were delighted with having received the \$3000 winners cheque (West earned \$2000), the win was costly.

Midfielder Aggie Muniz damaged a shoulder in the first half and could be struggling to fully recover for the Ampol Cup in January. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

ZIKA NIKOLIC

PRIPREMA ZA VICTORIA CUP
Od osam ucesnika, jedino se J.U.S.T. i Juventus prelino odgovo po poratu Victorie Kupe. Makedonija, trenera Stelko Stelko, koji ce biti garantirano mnogo zabrinuti, cak smatraju da ce ovaj predah dobro doći svim igracima. Ipak, nece biti sve ostavljeno slucajno. Zakazane su trening utakmice sa Slavom, u sredu 18. oktobra, na JUST-ovom igralistu. Pocerak u 8.45 po podne. Bice to prva provera posle raspisa Pridge sezona. Trener Kirilovski smatra da je ovo odlicna prilika da se isprobaju talentovani igralci iz drugog tima. To ne znaci da ce stari asovi biti zamenjeni ili odbaceni. Tak posto se dobro ispitaju sopstveni snovi i mogucnosti, mora se pomisliti na posudu igračevog kadra sa strane. "Plavi" imaju nekoliko ponuda, ali na za ona mesta koji su najvazniji. Traze se izraziti centarfora, a gde ga neki, kada ga dva trineci klubova namaju.

Na pitanje, da li su moguce pojave iz Jugoslavije, nije dati određen odgovor. Verovatno, jer se niko nikje ponudio, postoje Austrija nije narocito primamljiva za ambiciozne igrace, koji su prepravili zapednu Evropu, gde su Jugoslaveni na dobrom glasu kada igraju za inostrane klubove.

MAKEDONIJA OTVARA SOCIJALNI DOM
U ovoj godini Makedonija je ostvarila dve velike zube. Osvajala po prvi put prvenstvo Viktorije, a ova postica otvara Socijalni klub, koji ce biti garantirano bolja buducnost ovog kluba. Na Olympic Parku derbi utakmica izmedju Makedonije i Croatije zavrila se nerazeno 2:2 (1:1). Croatije je bila bliza pobedi, kada je poverla sa 2:1, ali je u završnici Makedonija opravala naziv samopione za ovu godinu. U velikom finalu ponovo ce se sastati ova dva kluba sa istim uzgledima na uspeh. U sredu na Olympic Parku, Hakoah ima priliku da porazi neucnu Makedoniju, sto bi bilo dojednako godinu. Uze utakmica pocinje u 7 sati uvece, dok se Croatia i Green Gully sastaju u 8.45 pm.

NEZASLUZEN PORAZ J.U.S.T. — U METROPOLITAN KUPU
Drugi tim JUST-a potpuno nadigrado Doveton, ali je od brojnih snala iskoristio samo jednu u 10. minutu, kada je Perle Simic iz svoje polubice led. Na sreću, kako je Doveton igrač, nikada ne bi postigao gol, ali nije nastalo pravo "bratstvo nerazeno". Otvorilo se nebo i igraliste je postalo pravo kizilante. "Plavi" su se kao golubarderi polici zihali oko ovog gola, koji je Doveton iskoristio da izmudi nekoliko konara, od kojih ne bi bilo ništa da se sudija nije umesao i u 88. minutu izviro jedanaesterac zbog napucane lopte. To je bila jedina sena, koja je Doveton iskoristio da nezaluzeno izjednači. Sudija je nastupio da donosi pogresne odluke, ciji je rezultat bio poraz JUST-a. Na proteste je odgovorio stari kartonir, lako je Doveton igrač prijavio. Na protivnik prifidnost golman Ciric odgovara balkanskim besnolom, zbog cega je zaradio crveni karton. U produžetku, lako je bilo izjednačiti. JUST-a nastavila sa pritiskom i stvara niz nelakofesnih snala. Ona Dava Acasli ponavlja stari grešku, koje je njegov tim akupo koristila vase puta. Sa 40 metara je izmudi udecem vraca loptu ovom golmanu, koji je drizao od trane. Lopta je kroz noge golmana Vidica uletela u mrežu, dok je on skamenjeno gledao. Jos jedanput je Acasli ponovio ovaj "podvig", ali nije postigao autogol! "Plavi" su nisu prepravili i pot mutira pre kraja sudije ih je jos jedanput ostetio, kada nije dosuđio odjednati jedanaesterac. JUST-a nije imao zastoavio loptu u kaznenom prostoru. Sto nogomast puta u mestu, vase su krive sudije koje igraju. Tesko je naci pravednog sudiju, zbog cega najvise trpa etnicki klubovi.

Nasretni Dany Acasli, koji je najvise zaleo ovakav obrt, dobice na finalu nov utakmici medelju kao najbolji igrač drug divizione.

U vreme utakmica J.U.S.T. — Doveton u Springvale, takmičili su se iskoristivši, koje je trenirao Billy Rice, bivši kapiten JUST-a i reprezentacije Viktorije i Austrije.

TURNIR VOJVODINE U ALTONI
U prvom kolu postignuti su sledeći rezultati: Altona United "B" — Portland 2:1, Carlton/Srbija — Linden 1:0, Aquila Steel v.a. West Melbourne, Altona United "A" — Melita 1:1 posle produžetka od 10 minuta. Altona United "A" je pobedila na jedanaesterce sa 2:0. Junak ove utakmice bio je Stan Peko, koji je odbranio tri penala. Iduce nedelja na Primula Reserve, North Altona, igra se prva polufinalna utakmica izmedju Altona United "A" i Aquila Steel u podne. U 1.45 pm pocinje drugo polufinala izmedju Carlton/Srbija i Altona United "B". Pobednici se sastaju u finalu kasnije po podne istog dana.

TURNIR PLAGOV DUNAVA U PARKMORU
U medelju prve 19. oktobra od 9.30 casova prve podne pocinje drugi turnir "Plavog Dunava" na igralistu i Kynaborough, iza Chapel 5 Homeleigh Roads (My. 94 B.1). Prosla godina je Bratsvo i Jedinstvo osvojilo pehar, koji ostaje vlasnik, dok ce sa ove godine boriti za mnogo veli i skupiji, ali pralazni pehar. Na turniru ucestvujaju sledeci timovi: PLAVI DUNAV "A" i "B" Melbourne, Carlton/Srbija "A" i "B", BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO, Geelong i Colas. Zreb ce se obaviti u 15 minuta pre pocetka turnira. Pobednici ulaze u polufinala, koje se igraju u medelju 26. oktobra.

AMATERSKO FINALE
Posle niza odlaganja i pabliholokog rata protiv favorita "Bratsvo/Jedinstva", odigrano je amatersko finala izmedju South Melbourne Eagles i Springvale Utd. (Bratsvo/Jedinstvo) prosla nedelja. Nazume se, pobedilo je South Melbourne Eagles sa 2:2, posle produžetka od pola sata. BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO je uletelo u istu klopu kao drugi tim J.U.S.T.-a protiv Dovetona dan ranije. Dva puta je Bratsvo/Jedinstvo vodilo, da bi protivnik obe puta izjednačio. Prvi put je sumnjivo jedanaesterce, a drugi put u 98. minuti, da bi pobednici gol bio postignut rukom. Pro toga je sudija izviro indirekt umesto jedanaesterca, kad je Milenko Culibek htio da sudija u gol sa osam metara. Ali i bez toga, Bratsvo/Jedinstvo je moglo da odigra pobadu.

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